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BIRTHS.

BOGUE—January 1, 1927, at 162 Westbourne Grove, London, W., to Phyllis (nee Francis), wife of Humphrey Bogue, a daughter.

CHESTER-WALSH—January 6, 1927, at Medan, Sumatra, the wife of Henry Chester-Walsh, M.A., British Consul, of William House, Castlebellingham, a daughter.

ROWAN—January 3, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter H. Rowan, 17 Lower Baggot street, Dublin, a daughter (prematured).

STEPHENSON—December 30, 1926, at Ringwood, The Rower, County Kilkenny, to Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Stephenson, a son.

MARRIAGES.

BLACKBURN and SHANKEY—December 29, 1926, at Kilkenny, Thomas Henry, son of the late Thomas Blackburn, Cloghor, Donegal, to Mabel, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shankey, Dundalk.

MOFFATT and SHANKEY—December 29, 1926, at Kilkenny, William James, son of John Moffatt, Raphoe, Donegal, to Esther, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shankey, Dundalk.

SHAW and DEVENISH—December 15, 1926, at St. Mark's, Battersea, by the Rev. R. S. Mills, John H. de B., second son of the late John Shaw, of Cloghan, Donegal, to Phyllis Mary, younger son and of Mrs. A. de B. Shaw, Greystones, to Primrose Aileen, second daughter of the late William Percy Devenish, of Redhill, County Roscommon.

WEEDON and DICKIE—January 5, 1927, at Khartoum, by the Bishop of Egypt and the Sudan, Captain Lindsey Spencer Weedon, R.A., late R.A.F., Bardsley, son of the late Henry Weedon, Esq., to Ellen Mary, daughter of the late Thomas Coulter Dickie, and Mrs. Dickie, of Clonavon, Omagh.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 6.

ANDERSON—January 6, 1927, suddenly, at her residence, 36 William street, Cookstown, Margaret Macgeagh Anderson, daughter of the late David Anderson. Funeral private.

BAILEY January 6, 1927, at his residence, Linnet street, Trim, William Bailey, aged 75 years. Deeply regretted by his brother, sister, and relatives. R.I.P. High Mass this (Saturday) morning at 11 o'clock at St. Patrick's. Funeral same day at 2 o'clock to New Cemetery.

BARRY—January 7, 1927, at her residence, Cumberland House, 213 North Circular road, Catherine, widow of the late James Barry, at an advanced age. R.I.P. Funeral to Glasnevin Cemetery from St. Peter's, Phibsborough, after 9 o'clock Mass on Monday morning, the 10th inst. Canadian papers please copy.

BRANNIGAN—January 6, 1927, at his residence, Newtown House, Dulock, Laurence Brannigan, son of the late Thomas Brannigan, Irishtown, Garmoyle. R.I.P. Office and High Mass in Dulock Church this (Saturday) morning at 10.30. Funeral immediately afterwards to Monasterboice.

BURKE—January 6, 1927, at 51 Chapelizod road, Harold's Cross, Dublin, Mary, daughter of the late Bartholomew William and Mary Burland. "Those shall be no more pain." Funeral (private) to Mount Jerome to-day (Saturday).

COOTE—January 6, 1927, at her residence, Parkfield, Terenure, Eliza Olivia, widow of Lieutenant-Colonel E. Eyre Coote, 58th Regiment, and eldest daughter of the late Major Nicholas Gray (Rifles), Jamestown, County Wexford.

DALTON—On Tuesday, January 4, 1927, in Portsmouth, George Edward Robert, son of the late Rev. G. W. Dalton, B.D., formerly Rector of St. Paul's, Glenageary, in his 72nd year.

FURNELL—January 6, 1927, at Ballyclough, Limerick, Maria Leah (Minnie), widow of the late George C. Furnell, Ballyclough, County Limerick. Funeral from Ballyclough at 2.30 p.m. to Kilpeacon to-morrow (Sunday), 9th.

GALLAGHER—January 7, 1927, at her residence, 6 North Strand road, Mrs. Anne Gallagher. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral private.

GEOGHEGAN—January 6, 1927, at his residence, 27 Fairview Strand, Cyril, dearly-beloved husband of Mary Geoghegan. R.I.P. Funeral from Church of the Visitation, Fairview, to Glasnevin (Off Saturday) morning after 10 o'clock Mass.

HOWARD—January 6, 1927, at Kilpatrick House, Dundrum, Tipperary, Louisa, dearly-loved wife of John Howard.
"Father, in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping."

HUGHES—January 7, 1927, at his residence, Rose Villa, Salthill, Galway, Patrick Hughes. Deeply loved and deeply regretted. Funeral to-morrow (Sunday) at 1 o'clock.

HUGHES—January 7, 1927, at his residence, 39 Oakley road, Ranelagh, Samuel James, eldest son of the late Samuel Wilson Hughes, of this city. Funeral to Mount Jerome, 10 o'clock, Monday morning, 10th inst.

McGUINNESS—January 6, 1927, at his residence, Main street, Kilbeggan, John J. McGuinness, N.T., relict of the late Marianne McGuinness. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing children and friends. R.I.P. Funeral from St. James's Church to Rehe (to-day (Saturday) at 3 o'clock.

MOORE—January 7, 1927, Edward Moore, 54 Lesson Park, Dublin, Solicitor. Funeral private.

MORAN—January 6, 1927, at Corke Abbey, Bray, Anne Moran, aged 88 years. Funeral private. No flowers.

O'REILLY—January 7, 1927, at her residence, Bective, County Meath, Julia Maria, widow of the late Hugh O'Reilly. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing family. R.I.P. Funeral, Kilmessan Cemetery, to-morrow (Sunday), 9th, 2 o'clock.

PRENDERGAST—January 7, 1927, at the residence of her father, P. J. O'Callaghan, Dublin road, Omagh, Eileen, beloved wife of J. Prendergast, Counsel. Funeral to-morrow (Sunday) morning, after 11 o'clock Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Omagh, to Strabane, arriving about 1.30 p.m.

PURDON-WINTER—January 5, 1927, at his residence, Lisnabin, Killucan, Westmeath, Colonel Edward Winter Purdon-Winter, aged 73 years. Funeral at Killucan Church at 12 noon to-day (Saturday), 8th inst.

RONAYNE—January 7, 1927, at South Abbey, Youghal, Edward C. Ronayne, A.B., T.C.D., B.L., late Justice in Kenya, East Africa, son of Charles Ronayne, M.D. R.I.P. Funeral, Monday, 3 p.m.

SIDFORD—January 6, 1927, John Aineas, elder son of the late Charles J. and Mrs. Sidford, 5 Brighton terrace, Sandycove, County Dublin, and beloved husband of C. B. Sidford, Wellington, New Zealand. Funeral from 66 Parnell Church, Glenageary, 9 o'clock, this (Saturday) morning.
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SLOCOCK—January 5, 1927 at Buckingham road, Morecambe, Arthur Oliver, eldest son of the late Oliver T. Slocock, Hanover House, Carlow.

THACKABERRY—January 7, 1927, at her father's residence, Rathgiass, Tullow, Frances Elizabeth Charity (Cherry), only daughter of Fred. and Rose Thackaberry, aged 12 years. Funeral leaves Rathgiass to-morrow (Sunday) at 1.30 for Ardoyne.

TOMKINS—January 7, 1927, at her residence, 51 Ballybough road, Dublin, Margaret, daughter of the late John and Anne Tomkins. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing brothers and sisters. R.I.P. Funeral from her residence on Monday morning to Glasnevin at 10.30.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. John Gallagher and family, Navan, desire to express their sincere thanks to the many kind friends who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement, and trust they will accept this notice as a grateful acknowledgment.

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P. REILLY, Secretary.

Boardroom, County Home, Cavan.
5th January, 1927.

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COW for Sale, just calved; good milker.—Shanganagh Park, Shankill, Co. Dublin.

FOR Sale, two splendid Bonhams, 10 weeks old.—Martay, Rathfarnham.

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FOR Sale, Male Kids, when one week old, by Raleigh Robin, ex Raleigh Primrose, record milker, 400 gallons in one year; dam Belfast milking winners; price 10.6 each.—The Lady Dunleath, Ballywalter Park, Down.

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LI Horse for Sale. Apply Agent, Estate Office, Ennadalstown, Co. Antrim.

PEDIGREE Pigs for Sale, Middle White, also large White Sows, in young, Boars and Bonhams. Apply Springfarm Herd Pedigree Pigs, Delgany.

REGULAR supplies of small Pigs, Veal Calves Wanted, also experienced Buyer to attend to commencing; prices given to live man only.—Address "Z 3191, Pigs," this office.

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VERY fine Registered Friesian Bull Calves 2000 gallon strain; Half Bred Incalf Cows and Heifers.—Jones Henry, Sligo. 5 F

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A TYPICAL young Kerry Blue Male, Champion strain; also fox or badger, 70/-.—"Ulsterville," Avondale road, Philsborough.

A BEAUTIFULLY marked young Wire Fox Terrier (Males), sire Baron Benedict dam by Dick the Dancer, Semon ratter, 70/-.—"Ulsterville," Avondale road, Philsborough.

FOX Terrier Bitch Pups, two months, pure bred, great pets, 15/-.—Miss O'Brien, Ballyalla, Kanturk.

FOR Sale or Exchange, Sealyham Bitch, fourteen months old, sire Champion Laurence Boston, dam Carnew of Rhu. Reuben Pedigree Bitch of different strain.—Peter A. Macnamara, Longford.

FOR Sale, Blue Irish Bitch, 2 years, splendid pedigree; Miss Thomas is the breeder.—N. Hales, Primlesgate.

FOR Sale, big strong Terrier, Male, bred and trained as a watch dog, splendid for orchard or large store; 4 years old; 10 stalls. Address "Z 3258, Terrier," this office.

FOR Sale, Large Setter Bitch, liver and White, partly trained, excellent worker; this is a fine dog, guinea's worth; no better. Address "Z 3265, Bitch," this office.

FOR Sale, pedigree Fox Terrier Bitch (2 years), parents registered; cheap. Address "Z 3243, Terrier," this office.

FOR Sale, Wire Haired Fox Terrier Puppies, 5 dogs, 3 bitches, all marked; full pedigree; sire Dulas Dandie, imported, winner in England and Free State.—Gully, Holybrook road, Clontarf.

FOR Sale, Champion Irish Setter Dog, Bred Black Cocker Spaniels, Pedigree Bitches, Particulars, address "Z 3271, Spaniels," this office.

FOR Sale, Wire Fox Terrier Bitch, winner and dam of winners, English Shows, also her Puppies; cheap quick sale. Particulars (stamped envelope), Thomas Byrne, Castlelough, Portadown.

GREYHOUND for Sale, six months old, £2; no pedigree. Address "Z 3112, Greyhound," this office.

IRISH Terrier Puppy, sire Sunnyside Snowdrift, dam Aunesboro' Atmona. Apply 81 Mespil road. 6 B

IRISH Setter Puppies, two Litters by Champion Barney of Boyne, other by Mike of Boyne; will be prize winners.—Mrs. Carbery, Drogheda.

PURE bred Cocker Pups for Sale, best hunting strain; Males £1.—Kelly, Ballydonagh, Delgany.

PROTECTION—Grand, powerfully built young Airedale Dog, 10 months, son of a champion, trained, fine to children and decent guard; cheap to good home, £5 only, owner going.—Phone, Ballybridge 857.

SETTER Pups, by Champion Ravenhill Phil, ex Sheila Cronsmore grand-daughter of Champion Brian Boyne; combining noted bench and field trial strains.—Hewson, Castlebar.

SALE, Pointer Bitch, trained all game; trial; 5 guineas. Address "Z 3201, Bitch," this office. 6 B

SALE, Yorkshire Toy Puppies, both sex; moderate.—Loton, 14 Upper Mount street.

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WANTED, Irish Water Spaniel (small size), trained, tender mouth; one week's trial.—McCarthy Gaoler, Ardara, Co. Limerick. 5 A

BUSINESS, BUSINESS PREMISES, LANDS, ETC.

SALE AND WANTED.

A NUMBER of Covered Yards, suitable manufacturer or garages; one Yard, with Cottage.—Mahood & Sandymount avenue. 5 A

A TTRACTIVE Business Premises and House for Sale, in prominent thoroughfare, close to Dublin Castle. The shop is fully fitted, and ready for immediate occupation. The basement is equipped as a first class dressing saloon. There are large rooms overhead, the drawingroom floor being vacant. Will be sold cheap to prompt purchaser. Further particulars and price from W 1022 this office. 6 F

BATTERSBY and Co. offer, Lifting, Barge of 250 tons, cheap; large ship, fully fitted, rear entrance; moneyed centre.

BUSINESS Wanted, Stationery, Tobaccos, Hotel, or Grocery, Retail; must be genuine concern, in or near Dublin; money waiting; state price and turnover. Address "Z 3254, Business," this office.

CLOSE Fitzwilliam square—Private Hotel, fully equipped; 10 bedrooms; rental higher accepted; £1,600.—Arthur Jones, Son, Auctioneers, Greystones.

ELECTRIC Sand and Pipe Manufacturer retiring; old established; Lower George's street, Kingstown.

FOR Sale or Licensed Premises, 6 day, established over 200 years; lease for over, rent 7/6 per annum; extensive premises, perfect position, rapidly improving provincial town; exceptional trade; owner retiring; principals only. Apply "Z 3236, Premises," this office.

FIRST Class Seven Day Spirit Grocery for Sale, Dublin city, situated in a rising suburban district; long lease at low rent; full de a Going Concern; price £1,300 or nearest offer; must be genuine buyer; need apply.—W 1147, this office.

FOR Sale, splendid House and Business Premises, with 100 Irish Acres; all for £900. Address "Z 3283, House," this office.

HIGH Class Confectionery and Fruit Business in popular Dublin position, with large Store attached; £700 or Let, together or separately.—W 1154, this office.

KINGSTOWN—For Sale, Shop and fitting accommodation, best part of town. Further particulars and orders to view from Garvey and Good, 21 Lincoln place, Dublin.

LARGE Open Yard, Workshop, Stores, Loft; central position; Residence if required.—W 1009, this office.

LARGE Office to Let, second floor; moderate.—12 Fleet street. 6 F

BUSINESS PREMISES, ETC. CONTINUED.

LICENSED House for Sale, as Going Concern, in best position, good business town in Leix; three storeyed, with shop and dwelling, three floors above; all up to date fittings; large yard, commodious offices and stores, fuggard and garden; also two fields in grass, with shore, or separate. Apply Morgan, Mountmellick.

MODERN High Class Grocery Business, in populous suburb; splendid opportunity. Further particulars, J. J. Carroll, 9 Iona Drive.

OFFICE and Counter Shop to Let. Apply Top Floor, 28 South Anne street.

OFFICES, best part Nassau street, 2nd floor; W 993, this office. 5 B

OFFICE—A large, well lighted Front Room, second floor, to Let.—21 Dawson street.

OFFICES to Let, first floor, 77 Dame street, opposite Lower Castle Yard; rent moderate.

PORTRAUD—For Sale, Interesting Colonial Residence, 2 storeys, three plate glass windows, good order; two reception, three bed, bath, etc., with goodwill, stock, grocery, hardware and tobacconist business also Furniture; rent 30/- annually; £1,000 can remain outstanding. Particulars from Dunn and Co., 14 Fleet-ford street, Belfast.

SHOWROOMS, Warehouse, Offices, Hotel, or Club—Large Premises, four floors from Mossy's Hotel; centre; Apply Christie's, 19 Capel street, Dublin. 5 A

SHOP to be Let or Sold, Ranelagh, County Dublin. Apply W 1011, this office. 5 A

SOUTH George's street—Flat, containing three rooms and w.c., £1 weekly; for business only.—Dockrell Limited, 108 South George's street. 4 F

SALE, Kingstown, House, with large Shop, yard, side entrance, shed; long lease.—W 1086, this office.

SHOP and living Apartments to Let, together or separate; Terenure road.—W 1052, this office. 6 C

TO be Let, good Farm of 120 Acres with gentleman's Residence, and outoffices; also separate farm yard, with extensive accommodation and quarters for man; or the Residence only. Apply Estate Office, Acres only if desired. Apply the Agent, Estate Office, Caledon.

TWO spacious Offices to Let, at 13 Parliament street. Apply MacArthur, 52 O'Connell street. 7 C

TO Let, large Shop, and other Apartments; 5 Capel street. 6 F

TO Let, 59 Dame street, two Ground Floor Offices (adjoining), furnished, with fireproof safes, desks, and counter.

WANTED, Penthouse district, Site for Bungalow with garage; state width of back. Apply ground rent, Irish Times Branch Office, Ranelagh. 4 F

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KENILWORTH square—88 for Sale; immediate possession.

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MONKSTOWN—Well built 10 roomed House, perfect condition, all modern conveniences, electric light; £1,800.—Apply 24, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown. 6 B

MANNIX road, Botanic avenue, Drumcondra; 3 good bedrooms, large parlour and kitchen, scullery, h. and c. bath and lavatory basin, separate w.c.; garage accommodation, large garden; possession 6/4; open Sunday; price £650.—R. Gough, 12 Rutland place.

NICELY situated House, 6 rooms, side entrance; tram line; clear possession.—20 Chelmsford road, Ranelagh.

NORTH Wales, Colwyn Bay—Semi detached House for Sale; one sitting-room and parlour-kitchen; also furnished at £1,000; freehold, including part Furniture.—T. Blackstock and Co., Estate Agents, Colwyn Bay.

OAKLEY road (adjoining)—Two Storeyed Residence, 3 apartments; price £550. Keys with Mac-Arthur, Ltd., 28 Westmoreland street.

PHOTOGRAPH and full particulars free—Charming County Wicklow Home, with 50 acres. Apply Albert MacArthur, "The Household Protectors."

PEMBROKESHIRE—For Sale, six detached Houses, of character; two reception, billiard room, six bedrooms, bath (h. and c.), modern grates, electric light, pure garden, freehold, £3,000.—R. K. Lones, Land Agent, Haverfordwest.

PEMBROKE Township—Pre-war price, £1,050; non-basement House; 3 bedrooms.—Arthur Jones, Son, 7 Clonskeagh.

RATHGAR—Semi detached House, 3 reception rooms, 6 bedrooms, maid's room, bathroom, all conveniences; electric light, gas; side and back entrance; choice situation, convenient to trams and shops; Irish Times Branch Office, Ranelagh. £2,600. W 1029, this office. 6 B

RANELAGH road—Nice Family Residence, 3 storeys, 8 rooms; bath; price £750. Keys with Macarthur, Ltd., 28 Westmoreland street.

RATHFARNHAM—Modern Bungalow, near tram; 5 apartments, kitchen, bathroom; £750.—Messrs. Holden, Auctioneers, Saint Abbey street.

SOUTH George's street—Shop for Sale, with early possession, three entertaining rooms, six bedrooms, bathroom (h. and c.), electric light, modern grates; room for garage.—W 799, this office. 4 F

SEAFIELD road, Clontarf—Newly built two storey House, containing 6 bedrooms, maid's room, bathroom, h. and c., kitchen, etc.; up to date fittings, electric light, large garden. Can be seen at any time. Key at Perryville (opposite), or at James Beckett, Ltd., Ringsend.

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28 VERNON street, off Arnott street, Portobello, five rooms, all conveniences; inspection invited. Apply at 52 O'Connell street. Auctioneer, Albert MacArthur, "The Householder."

£250 SECURES new House, 6 Clare road, Drumcondra, modern; remainder spread over 15 years; 2 reception, 4 bedrooms; inspection invited. Apply 11 Bathurines Park, Dublin. 4 F

£800—Cowper Gardens, Rathmines, new House, 3 semi-detached, containing 2 reception, 5 bedrooms, maid's room, bathroom h. and c., finch grate, tiled hearths, electric light, garage, garden front and rear, room for garage; lease 999 years; ground £7.—W. Pickering and Son, 1 Ormond road, Rathmines. 12 5

£1,800—DETACHED, double fronted, non-basement House, in perfect order, containing 7 bedrooms, three reception, maid's room, kitchen, scullery, pantry, two lavatories, bathroom, three garages; rates remain low; Artane rent 10/- per week. Apply Bailey "Woodleigh," Upper Hollybank avenue, Sandford road. 12 3

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A BEAUTIFUL Residence, South side, containing 9 reception, 6 bedrooms, every convenience; £160 per annum.—Sandymount avenue. 5 A

BALLYMUN House, Santry, to Let, beautifully situated, containing 7 rooms, etc., stable and large yard. Apply J. H. Walsh and Co., 1 Lower Ormond quay.

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COTTAGE Residence to Let; four rooms and porch, water supply; tram and bus service; suit couple. Apply Belgrave, Seaforld road, Clontarf.

CENTRAL to Rent, to single man, small semi, South side, £120; self-contained Flats, in best residential district, Ranelagh, Richmond and Upper Pembroke street. 4 F

CLONTARF—Modern House, good repair, five bedrooms, usual reception rooms, every convenience; 10 minutes' walk from Clontarf Station; rent £50; key and jack entrance; near tram and train.—W 937, this office.

A BOUT Houses to Sale Monkstown to Dalkey; also inland. Apply Thornton and Co., Auctioneers, 46 Upper George's street, Dun Laoghaire.

A BOUT Seaside Houses, Blackrock to Killiney—Consult Albert MacArthur, Sandycove, who has on his register of all Detached Houses, Cottages and Bungalows for Sale and Letting; possession.

A HIGH Class House for Sale, in residential suburb, 3 miles from Dublin, on tram and bus routes, standing on 10 acres of land, overlooking open country; suitable for private residence or institution in splendid condition; long lease; price £1,700. Apply W 1005, this office.

A T Ballabridge—Modern House, possession, 7 apartments, bathroom, electric light, £1,300.—North and Co., Grafton street.

A T Sandymount—Eight apartments, electric light, garden, rear entrance, £1,050.—North and Co., Grafton street.

A T Donnybrook—Semi detached, 8 apartments, bathroom, £1,700.—North and Co., Grafton street.

A T Dundrum—Bungalow, 3 rooms, garden, £350.—North and Co., Grafton street.

A T Upper Leeson street—For Sale, with possession, perfect order, tastefully decorated, 6 apartments, electric light, modern fittings and fire, £1,075.—North and Co., Grafton street.

A T Merrion road—Semi detached modern House, 11 apartments, bathroom, £2,600.—North and Co., Grafton street.

A T Pembroke—Commodious House, 11 apartments, bathroom, electric light, garage, £3,500.—North and Co., Grafton street.

A T Marlborough road—Semi detached, 8 apartments, bathroom, electric light, telephone, £1,100.—North and Co., Grafton street.

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DUBLIN AND DISTRICT.

APARTMENTS Agency—Lists on application; Flats, Board Residence Furnished Apartments.—Miss White, 23 Nassau street.

A T Auburn House, Auburn street—Select Board Residence; visitors or permanent. 8 F

A T 43 Lower Leeson street—High class Residence. 6 F

A T 51 Grove Park, Rathmines—Comfortable accommodation; suit gentleman. 6 F

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APPLY Apartments Agency, 45 Henry street, for Flats and Apartments, Phone 54566. 6 F

AT 18 Herbert street—Select Board Residence; only students, civil servants, etc. Phone, 5 8 B

AT 18 Leinster road—Unfurnished Flat or Hall House to Let, 5 rooms, with cyrpet; moderate. 6 A

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A FURNISHED combined Room, use of cooker.—66 Adelaide road, adjoining Ear

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

TONE AND COMMENT.

DUBLIN IRREGULAR.

IRISH LAND 2½ P.C. STRONG.

Preliminary arrangements were being made on Change yesterday in connection with the account day, 13th inst., but Monday next is the regular carrying over day. Consequently, business was again very quietly conducted, with elements of irregular price movements in most directions. The Funds, local and British alike, were well disposed, with special points of strength clearly defined in Conversion 3½ per cent. and Irish Land 2½ per cent. Stocks. Banks were idle, and practically marked time. The Brewery and Distillery section was quietly steady, but Power and Son Pref. were easier. Marconis appeared on offer, but did not change hands. Rails were very quiet. Great Southern Pre.-Ord. were dull. Great Northern Guaranteed was steady. Dublin United Tram Ord. improved, but the "B" 3½ per cent. Debs. were obtained at a concession. Parent Trust Deferred were dull. Dunlop Rubber Ord. opened all sellers, and gave way, but support then came forward, while French Incomes fell a couple of shillings. Johnston Bakery Pref. Shares opened again flat and nominal, but later the selling price, 60s., was paid. Textiles were well supported, particularly Bradford Dyers, at a substantial advance. Courtaulds and Coats were scarcely altered, with investment buying of both. Tobaccos remain a dull market, and Lever Brothers Pref. issues turned weak again. Oil Shares were nearly all good, with prominent gains in Sheli Transports, Burmahs and others; but British Controlled Common did not hold all of the recent advance. Central Hotel 4 per cent. Debs. of £10 each fetched 6, and the £1 Debs. 12s., the equivalent. These are not 5 per cent. Debs., as stated when being quoted yesterday on the Dublin Stock Exchange official list.

LONDON IDLE.

BUSINESS SMALL.

Dealings in the London Stock Markets as a whole were, if anything, on a slightly easier scale, public interest remaining small, while members' attention was mainly directed to the preliminary arrangements for the carry-over. In these circumstances it was not surprising that an irregular tendency developed, while with the Chinese situation still having an adverse influence weaker spots were evident in some directions. Little of interest transpired in Gilt-edged Securities, and rival values were, as a rule, much the same as before. Changeable dealing ruled in Foreign Government Stocks. Home Rails experienced another quiet session, but with the exception of Metropolitan Consolidated, which eased the turn, final values were unaltered. An easier tone became evident in Colonial and Foreign Rails, but actual price movements were few and far between, though generally against holders. Industrials as a whole were steady. Tobaccos were irregular, and Dunlops were dull. Iron and Steel were easier. A firm tone ruled in the Rubber market, and quotations' advanced in sympathy with the harder tendency for primary products. Oils showed a fairly good appearance ahead of the dividend announcement. Among Mines, South Africans were firm in tone, Sub Nigels again being a good spot. Diamonds hardened at first, but reacted later, while Tin Shares were steady to firm.

MARCONI'S WIRELESS TELEGRAPH CO.

We are informed that the shareholders' committee have appointed the following subcommittee to inspect the forthcoming accountants' report, and to confer with the directors thereon, as conceded by the Board: Mr. Charles L. Norden, LL.B.; Sir John Wallinger, K.B.E., C.I.E., D.S.O.; Sir Frank Meyer, M.P.; Dr. S. O'Beirn, Dr. Lorcan Sherlock, and Mr. J. J. Macken. Mr. Norden, the chairman of the shareholders' committee, is informed that the report will not be available for inspection by the subcommittee until the end of January. The committee, therefore, advise shareholders to pay no attention whatever to any unauthorised rumours or statements which may be circulated in the meantime.

PUBLISHING DEAL.

A London publishing firm producing popular weekly periodicals is, we believe, about to be acquired by an influential group, and much speculation exists in the market circles concerning the price to be paid.

BORROWING IN UNITED STATES.

The United States Department of Commerce states that American underwriters publicly offered during 1926 foreign capital securities to the total par value of $1,354,624,670, being 6.25 per cent. more than in 1925. New nominal capital totalled $1,168,190,470. Canada was the largest borrower of new capital, taking $205,979,370, while Europe took $166,000,000, and Canada $42,572,000.

NATIONAL BANK MEETING.

The annual meeting of the National Bank will be held at 13 Old Broad street, London, on Thursday, 27th inst., at noon. At the meeting the directors will submit their report and balance sheet for the half-year to 31st December, 1926, and three of the present directors, viz., Mr. Moyle Rolls, K.C.; C. F. Higginson and J. J. O'Connell—will go out of office by rotation, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. The books of the bank for the registration of transfer (both in London and Dublin) will be closed on Monday next, 10th January, and will so remain until after the 22nd January.

STRATE CRISIS.

The Chilean Government, through its representatives on the Chilean Nitrate Producers' Association, has taken action at last in connection with the parlous condition of the Chilean nitrate industry. A *questionnaire* has been addressed to all producers, calling for their opinion as to what remedies are essential to meet the situation. Most of the directors of the English companies is to be held on Monday next at River Plate House, London, in order to come to an agreed answer. The decision of the Chilean Government's action seems to have been the failure of the annual sale of 100s grounds, which resulted in the Government obtaining a mere £8,000, compared with anything up to £2,000,000 together with the loss of revenue from the Chilean export duty, means a falling off of somewhere between £3,000,000 and £4,000,000 in the Chilean Government's revenue for the year.

THE £ IN DECEMBER.

There was a further improvement in the value of sterling in the gold exchanges during December, according to *The Statist's* foreign exchange index numbers, and the £ at the end of 1926 stood on the average higher than at any time since the return to the gold standard in May, 1925. Last month's index at 100.7 compares with 99.86 in January last, the lowest in 1926, and 99.76 in December, 1925. Examination of the detailed figures shows that the £ was at a premium last month on the average in 7 out of the 17 exchanges on which these index numbers are based, namely, those of Monte Video, Valparaiso, Calcutta, Singapore, Union of South Africa, Amsterdam, and New Zealand. It stood at a discount in New York, Montreal, Australia, Finland, Berlin, Budapest, Stockholm, Berne, and Vienna, and was at parity with Egypt.

The transfer books of Parker's Burslem Brewery Ord. and Pref. shares will be closed from 15th to 29th inst., both days inclusive.

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LONDON CHANGES.

Business in the gilt-edged market was quiet, and, with the Chinese situation still exercising an adverse effect, it is not surprising that a slightly easier tendency was manifest in some directions. Among War Loans, the 4½ p.c. were marked ¼ better to 95½, but Conversion 3½ were finally ¼ easier at 75⅞.

Dealings continued on a small scale in Foreign Stocks. Chinese issues were marked down further, the 4½ 1898 losing a point to 59, while the 5½ 1912 at 44 were also a point easier. Among Reconstruction Loans, Greek Sevens at 93 were ½ down, while Peruvian Corporation Ord. and Pref. were ¼ and ½ lower to 5½ and 52¼ x.d. respectively. Belgian Sevens at 105½ were ¼ firmer

RAILS STEADY.

Home Rails had another quiet session, but despite the paucity of business a steady tone was manifest, and, apart from a decline of ½ in Metropolitan Cons. to 64, final values were the same as on Thursday evening.

Dealings were small in Colonial and Foreign Rails, while a slightly easier tendency predominated. "Canpacs" dropped back to 171, or a point easier, while Antofagasta Ord. and B.A. and Pacific Ord. were both ½ lower. Cordoba Centrals and Entre Rios were well held, as were Grand Trunks and Mexicans. "Leos" were a firmer spot, and an advance of ¼ was recorded to 48.

RUBBER SHARES IMPROVING.

Although there was no material expansion in the volume of business transacted in the Rubber Share Market, a distinctly firmer tone prevailed, and at the close of the day a long list of improvements were registered, many of them being for substantial amounts. A firmer tone also ruled in the commodity market, and the values for the raw material were again marked forward. Spot and January sold 1s. 8d. per pound, and February fetched 1s. 8¼d. per pound. April to June was quoted at 1s. 8¾d. per pound, while July-September realised 1s. 9¼d. per pound. In the share market, Barn was a firm spot, and an advance of 2s. 6d. was recorded to 63s. 9d. x.d., while Anglo-Dutch and Anglo-Malay were both quoted 1s. 3d. harder; British North Borneo Rubber Trust went 9d. better at 17s. 6d. x.d., and Broome and Bukit Kajang were both 1s. 3d. to the good. Federated Malay States Planters hardened to 72s. 6d., or 1s. 10½d. higher, while Hong Kong gained a similar amount to 59s. 4½d. Java Para also closed, showing an increase of 1s. 10½d., while Java Amalgamated was 2s. 6d. up. Kapar Para went 2s. 6d. higher, and Membakut also closed 2s. 6d. firmer. Rubber Trust, Pataling, and Sendayan, Sialang and Manchester North Borneo were all quoted 1s. 3d. firmer, while Sumatra Consols were put on 1s. 10½d. to 46s. 3d. Tendjong gained 1s. 10½d. to 72s. 6d.; Tamiang, Tebrau, Telogoroedjo and United Sua Betong all marked increases of 2s. 6d. In the oil business, while Tali Ayer put on 9d. to 34s. 9d. There were many other improvements of smaller denominations.

OIL SHARES UNCERTAIN.

Business in the Oil Share Market was on a satisfactory scale, although, as on the preceding day, attention was mainly devoted to specialities. Although the market regarded the rumour current on the preceding day of the possibility of an issue of capital by the Shell Company on terms affording a bonus as hardly likely to come off, at any rate for some considerable time, the shares continued to receive attention. Opening at 4¾ they weakened to 4½, but from this point an advance occurred to 4¾, while the final price o. 4⅝ left them ⅛ up on Friday. The Bearer Shares also improved ⅛ to 4⅜, and the 7 p.c. Prefs. hardened to 24s. 7½d. Anglo-American came over firm from New York in the afternoon, and closed with a gain of ⅛ at 4⅛. Royal Dutch were firm, and a rise of ¼ was finally recorded at 3½. A steady business was transacted in Anglo-Persians, which strengthened ⅛ to 4⅜, the transferred ⅛ having touched 4½, while the 8 p.c. Prefs. hardened to 29s. 7½d. Burmahs rose ⅛ to 6½, but the 8 p.c. Prefs. closed easier at 26s. Mexican Eagles weakened to 18s. 6d. and the 8 p.c. Part Prefs. to 17s. 3d., but the 7 p.c. Preferred Prefs. remained at 15s. 9d. British Controlled Common, after touching 6s. 10½d., left off with a shrinkage at 6s. 7½d., but the Prefs. moved up steadily, closing with a gain of 6½d. at 11s. 4½d. V.O.C. Holdings had a firmer appearance, rising ⅛, the Ords. to 5⅞ and the Prefs. to 3⅜. An outstanding feature in the Trinidad group was provided by Apex. At the start they were inclined to be easier, and in fact weakened to 6½, but they met with a keen demand later which took the price up to 6⅝, while at the close an advance of ¼ was recorded at 6¾.

INDUSTRIALS STILL UNSETTLED

There was a general evening-up of books in the Industrial Market in preparation for the carry-over, which takes place on Monday, and price movements for the most part were again irregular. Coal, Steel, and Engineering issues had a sagging appearance. John Brown fully-paid at 14s. 9d., Pease and Partners at 14s. 9d., Powell Duffryns at 29s. 9d., South Durhams at 24s. and United Steels at 6s. were all offered. Expectations are to be found in Consett at 18s. 9d., Richardsons, Westgarths at 16s. 6d., and Vickers Tax Free Prefs. at 16s. 3d., which all hardened slightly. Electrical Equipments generally remained quietly firm, with General Electrics inquired for at 31s. 6d. on the contract secured by the company to supply a large proportion of the new Birmingham Corporation power station, in conjunction with the International Combustion Co., Ltd.; Siemens, however, eased to 30s. 9d. Of the Supply Shares, County of London were marked down 1s. to 26s. 9d. Although Bradford Dyers continued to meet with good support and advanced 10½d. to 49s. 4½d., no decided tendency was shown by the other Textile leaders. Sewing Cottons gained 6d. at 45s., but Spinners lost that amount at 44s., while Brit. Bleachers at 43s. 3d. and Coats 60s. 7d. Courtaulds remained steady in Art Silks around 5, and Nueras strengthened, the Ord. to 35s. and the Def. to 24s. 9d.

Uncertain movements were witnessed in the Tobacco group. Carreras met with fresh support and put on ¼ to 18¼, and "Bats" rallied to 99s. 9d., but "Imps" fell back to 115s. 1½d., or 4½d down. United South receded to 4¼, with Godfrey Phillips finally unaltered at 4¾. Breweries moved within narrow limits, the only alteration of note being an advance of 1 to 276 in Watney Def. Banks moved irregularly. Most of the home issues hardened further, helped by satisfactory dividend announcements, though Midlands reacted slightly to 9½. Barclays "B" had buyers at 57s. 3d., National Provincial 220 Shares paid at 134, and Westminsters at 19½. Of the overseas descriptions, Bank of Montreal gained a fraction at 58¾, while Hong Kong lost another point at 111½. Stores were quieter, with Harrods 3d. better at 61s. 9d.; J. Barkers lost that much at 65s. 9d. Among Refreshment and Foodstuffs, Bovril Def. continued in request and advanced ⅛ to 24⅞. Liptons stiffened to 12s. 6d., but Van Den Berghs receded ⅛ to 19. Both Hudson's Bay and Sudans closed unchanged, but among the rest of the Land group, Duffs put on 1s. to 24s., and Forestals strengthened 9d. to 24s. Nitrates had a steadier appearance, Lautaros improving to 3½, New Pacchas to 8s. 9d., and Rosarios to 16s. Shipping issues were without feature. The feature among Newspaper issues was the demand for "Daily Mail" and Amalgamated Press, and they closed 2s. higher. Apart from "Pictorials," which gained ⅛ at 5¼, other movements were adverse. Associated Def., at 9¾, and "Mirrors," at 9¼, each fell ¼; while Allieds declined 1s. to 51s. Invercoks eased slightly to 5⅛. Illustrated News fell to 25s., and the Prefs. to 13s. Motor Shares were uncertain. In the Miscellaneous department, British Aluminiums met with good support, and rose 1s. to 49s. 9d., and African and Eastern improved to a moderate extent at 29s. 6d. Swedish Match "B" shares rallied somewhat at 16⅞, but "A" shares were offered at 16¼. Dunlops returned dull, and finished 3d. lower at 27s. 4½d.

LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES.

BRITISH FUNDS, ETC.

—	Closing.	Rise or fall.
Consols	58¼	58¼	.....
War Loan, 3½ %	89¼	89⅝	.....
Do. 4½ %	95	95	+ ⅛
Do. 5%	100½	101	.....
Do. 4% (Tax Free)	101¼	101⅝	.....
Funding Loan	92⅛	92⅜	.....
Victory Bonds	97⅛	97⅜	.....
3½ % Conversion Loan	75⅝	75⅞	— ⅛
4½ % Conversion Loan	95¼	95½	.....
5½ Treasury Bonds	101¼	101⅝	.....
Irish Land 2½ %	57	58	.....
India 3%	59½	60½	.....
Do. 3½ %	71	72	.....
Do. 4½ %	101¼	102½	.....
Do. 5%	101, x 403	.....
Local Loans	63½	64	.....
Sudan 4½ %	105	106	.....

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Australian Com. 5%	100	101	.....
Do. do. 6%	102	104	.....
British Col. 4½, '41	93	95	.....
Canada, 4%	87	89	.....
Cape 3½ Cons.	78	80	.....
Ceylon 5%	106	108	.....
New South Wales 4½, 22-7	90½	92½	.....
Do. do. 5½, 1952-7	99½	100½	.....
Do. do. 6% 1930-50	100	102	.....
New Zealand 4% '29	90	92	.....
Nigeria 6%	111	113	.....
Queensland 4% '40-60	77	79	.....
Do. 6% '30-40	99	101	.....
South Afric. 4% Cons.	87	89	.....
Do. 4%	102	104	.....
South Australian 4% '40-60	78	80	.....
Do. 5½ %	101	103	.....
Victoria 4% '40-60	80	82	.....
Do. 6% 1923-42	100	102	.....
Western Australia 5% '25-45	100	102	.....
Do. do. 6% 1930-40	100	102	.....

BANKS.

Anglo-South American	67½	71½	.....
Bank of Australasia	12½	14½	.....
Bank of England	240	251	+1
Bank of Montreal	57½	59½	+ ½
Bank of New South Wales	44	45	.....
Do. New Zealand	7⅝	8⅛	.....
Barclay's "A" Shares	57	58	.....
British Overseas	5½	6½	.....
Canadian of Commerce	46	48	.....
Chartered of India	104½	106½	— ¼
Hong Kong and Shanghai	110	113	.....
Lloyds	63	66	.....
Midland	61⅝	63⅛	— ⅛
National Discount "B"	82	84	.....
National Provincial (£24pd.)	19½	19⅝	+⅛
Royal of Canada	73	75	.....
Standard of South Africa	13	13½	.....
Union of Australia	147	150	.....
Westminster Bank	19⅛	19⅜	+ ⅛

FOREIGN BONDS.

M.U.—Dec. 24.			
10½ Argentine 6 p.c., 1886	99	101⅝	.....
5½ Do. 4 p.c. Rescissions	79	81⅝	.....
5 Do. 5 p.c., 1909	93	95	.....
Belgian 7 p.c. Loan	103	104	+ ½
5½ Brazil 4 p.c., 1889	51	54	.....
90 Do. Funding, 1908	77	79	.....
28¾ Do. 5 p.c. do., 1914	77	79	.....
83 Chinese 5 p.c., 1896	82	84	.....
41½ Do. 4½ p.c., 1898	39	41	.....
44½ Do. 5 p.c., 1912	43	45	.....
106 Czecho-Slovakia Bonds	105	106½	.....
81½ Egyptian Unified	81	82	.....
13¼ French Loan	13	13½	.....
10½ Do. 4 p.c.	10	10⅜	.....
104½ German 7 p.c.	104	106	.....
85¾ Greek Loan	92½	93½	— ½
19 Italian Scrips	19	19⅛	.....
95¾ Japan 4 p.c., 1905	91	93	.....
95 Do. 5 p.c., 1924	94½	95½	.....
45¾ Mexican 5 p.c., '99	43	45	.....
44½ Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Treas.	43	45	.....
9¼ Peruvian Corporation	9	9¼	.....
Do. Pref.	52	53	+ ½
54½ Do. Deb.	99½	99⅝	+ ½
37⅝ Portuguese 3 p.c.	33½	35½	.....
— Spanish 4 p.c.	68	70	.....
21 Turkish Unified	21¼	22¼	+ ¼
66½ Uruguay 3½ p.c.	67	68	.....

BRITISH RAILS.

85¼ Great Western	87½	88½	.....
Do. Pref.	96	97	.....
73½ Lon. Mid. & Scot. Ord.	73	76	.....
— Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	73	76	.....
— Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	90	93	.....
— Do. 4 p.c. Pref., 1923	73	75	.....
50 Ldn. North-East. 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	80½	81½	.....
18½ Do. Def. Ord.	18½	19	.....
— 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	49	51	.....
— Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.	38	40	.....
69¾ Metropolitan	63½	64½	— ½
— 5 p.c. Pref.	89	92	.....
— Do. District	57	58	.....
76½ Southern Pref. Ord.	79½	81½	.....
49¾ Do. Def. Ord.	49½	50½	.....
12 7/8 Underground Elec. (£1)	12.6	13.6	.....
102 Do. Income Bonds	101	103	.....
— Do. Deb.	100	102	.....

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

27½ Antofagasta	79	81	— ½
— Argentine (A.W. Ord.	84	85	.....
— Bahia Blanca Gual. 5%	80	82	.....
— Brazil Railway Common	14	14¼	.....
101 Buenos Ayres Gt. Sthn.	103½	103¾	.....
86 Buenos Ayres and Pacific	87	88	.....
84¾ Buenos Ayres & W.	85½	87½	.....
173 Cordoba Central	170	172	.....
77 Central Argentine	76	78	.....
76 Central Uruguay	76	78	.....
103 Cordoba Central Pref.	102	104	.....
— Do. 1st Pref.	85½	87½	.....
58 Do. 2nd Pref.	56	58	.....
44 Entre Rios	43	45	.....
— Do. 6 p.c. Cum. Pref.	87	91	.....
— Grand Trunk Pac. Deb.	58	60	.....
— Grand Trunk Pac. Com.	26	28	.....
— Do. p.c. Perp. Deb.	77	79*	.....
49¾ Leopoldina	47	49	+ ½
48 Mexican Rails	47	48	.....
18¼ Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	18	20	.....
15¼ Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	14	16	.....
182 San Paulo Ord.	180	181	.....
74 United Havana	76	78	.....

AMERICAN RAILS.

— Atch'son	106	108	— 1
— Baltimore	110	117	.....
— Canadian Pac.	163	167	.....
— Chicago, Milwaukee	9	10	.....
42½ Erie	40	42	.....
— Do. 1st Pref.	53	55	.....
— New York, Ontario	24	26	.....
— Southern Common	113	115	.....
— Do. Pref.	92	96*	.....
— Southern Pacific	111	113	.....
108 Union Pacific	164	166	.....

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.

18/9 Allsopp £1 Shares	7/-	1/-	.....
97 Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	22	24	.....
53/6 Bass, Ratclff Ord.	2½	2⅞	.....
— City of London Ord.	2½	3½	.....
53/6 Distillers Ord.	53	54	.....
575 Guinness Ord.	565	585	.....
46 Do. 5 p.c. Deb.	45½	46½	.....
4 Apex Trinidad	6	6½	.....
2½ Athenæ	2	2½	.....
170 British Borneo Pet. (10/-)	16/3	16/9	+1/3
18/9 British Burmah (£)	16/6	17/6	.....
9/9 British Controlled	6/9	6/10½	+⅛
9/9 Do. Pref.	11/3	11/6	+9½d
6/9 Burmah	6½	6⅝	.....
26/6 Do. 8 p.c. 1st Pref.	26/3	26/10½	+6½d
23/6 Do. 8 p.c. 2nd Pref.	23/3	23/9	.....
95½ Do. 8 p.c. Deb.	95½	96

WIRELESS IN THE HOSPITALS.

FINE INSTALLATION AT MERCER'S.

THE GIFT OF MESSRS. GUINNESS'S STAFF.

A wireless installation of a six-valve receiving set, with four loud speakers and fifty headphones, has been provided for Mercer's Hospital, Dublin, by the generosity of the tradesmen and labourers employed at the St. James's Gate Brewery. Moreover, the contributions from Messrs. Guinness's employés for the purpose of the installation were sufficiently large to enable an ultra-violet lamp, for the new sunshine treatment, to be added to the equipment of the hospital.

This is the second Dublin hospital to be fitted up to give the patients the great boon of wireless entertainment, which often helps, in the opinion of the medical men, towards their more speedy recovery. The Richmond Hospital patients have to thank a private donor, Mr. Alexander Nesbitt, for the set which was installed in that hospital at Christmas, and now that Mercer's can boast of this highly acceptable addition to its usefulness, the friends of other of our hospitals may be expected to exercise their generous impulses in the same direction.

The receiving equipment at Mercer's, which has been working with perfect satisfaction for over a week, is one of the best in the city. Nine loud speakers in different parts of the institution, including the nurses' quarters, will be utilised for general reception, and, in addition, most of the beds are being provided with head-phones, which can be used by a patient without interfering with others in the ward.

The patients of Mercer's really owe this boon, apart from the value of the afternoons and evenings in hospital to Sir John Lumsden, M.D., who is the chief medical officer to Guinness's. It is in recognition of his ungrudging services to them that the management of the great brewing concern decided on their welcome New Year gift to Mercer's. They knew that nothing would be more acceptable to their doctor than to do something useful for the hospital whose well-being occupies so much of his time and thought.

LICENCE FEES.

MINISTER'S STATEMENT.

When asked by a representative of the *Irish Times* yesterday if any remission of licence fee would be granted in cases where hospitals installed wireless sets, Mr. Walsh, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, said that hospitals, convalescent homes, nurses' homes, convents, schools and such-like institutions the annual licence fee is £1. This would cover any number of sets in the establishment, or any number of extensions from a high power receiver. For clubs, hotels, and similar places, the licence is £5 per annum. Here again the one licence covers any number of sets or extensions under the one roof. In the case of individuals, the licence is 10s. a year.

These fees, like those in England, are, said Mr. Walsh, very low when compared with other countries. In South Africa, for instance, the licence is something like £3, and generally fees are high.

He added, "we had no duty on imported sets, we could not do much for some years without drawing from the Central Fund or doubling the licence fees. If the licence fees were doubled it would hit the poor man more than the man who can get several other countries. Moreover, I think the present method of allocating charges more equitable."

He hoped, he added, that before long licence fees generally would have to be reduced, and that £1 per year would be the maximum licence fee. This, however, was subject to approval by the Minister for Finance and the Dail.

THE COLLECTION OF FEES.

People who had hitherto received programmes which had nothing, they might be assured that energetic steps would now be taken to collect the licence fees. There were large numbers of receiving sets in Dublin, and there had recently been a gradual extension in the country. A big boom was expected in the month when the new station was got going in Cork in a couple of months' time. A big advance would also be made when the high-power station was erected. These stations will place the greater part of the country within crystal set range.

"The only problem that really arises," said Mr. Walsh, "is whether we should discontinue the import duty. In my opinion, we cannot do it, because we have to pay, and it is the only equitable way there is."

MAKING BROADCASTING PAY.

As a result of our present arrangements we shall be able to make broadcasting pay for itself—not only for the programme, but for all the capital expended," said Mr. Walsh.

Much of the revenue required, he said, would come from the import duty on wireless sets and parts, and this would help the listener-in who could only afford a crystal set. There was no justification for making the wireless people pay for the amusement of listeners-in.

A couple of years time, he said, they would have considerable funds, and these should be devoted to the development of broadcasting. At present, they were prevented by lack of funds from paying fees that would attract groups of artists to broadcast light opera or choral work. The work of the Waterford Choir showed how fine class of work was appreciated, and they would not have had that but for the fact that payment came from another source as well. If artists received more tangible encouragement, they would probably contribute more freely to the broadcast programme.

KISSED BY CONSENT.

WOMAN'S ASSAULT CASE DISMISSED.

Mrs. Maude Calvert, of Penrose street, prosecuted David Hill, of The Shambles, Mallow road, in the Belfast Summons Court yesterday, for assault.

She alleged that when Hill, who is an insurance agent, called at her house he kissed her. This Hill denied on oath.

Mr. Toppin, R.M., was accompanied on the bench by six other magistrates. In giving his decision, he said:—

"We think that what Mrs. Calvert says happened did happen. We think that Mr Hill was seeing how far the lady might go; he was not certain how far she would let him go, and we think that she herself was not certain how far she would let him go. In other words, we think that she was a consenting party to such a degree as to prevent this from being an assault."

Having quoted a decision of Mr. Justice Coleridge on the question of consent, Mr. Toppin added: "We think that this woman submitted quietly to what happened, and we think that prevents it from being an assault. We, therefore, dismiss the case on the merits. I should have said that we are all satisfied it was not a case of blackmail."

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

To-morrow several missionaries at home on furlough will occupy the Dublin pulpits to carry out a propaganda on behalf of foreign missions similar to that inaugurated a couple of years ago. On the following Wednesday, at the Presbyterian Church House, 16 St. Stephen's Green, the Irish Mount's Missionary Movement will hold a great missionary meeting, to be addressed by several of these missionaries, including Dr. Hanna (medical missionary) and the Revs. Martin Beatty, R. H. Boyd and J. Sinclair Stevenson. This meeting will be open to ladies.

The removal of the Rev. J. T. Montgomery, B.D., from Longford to Urney and Sion will be a distinct loss to the Presbyterian Church in the Irish Free State. Besides being an able minister, Mr. Montgomery is one of the most scholarly of Irish ministers.

DERRY WAR MEMORIAL.

The Londonderry War Memorial Committee yesterday decided to invite Field-Marshal Earl Haig to unveil the city war memorial on Empire Day.

MUNICIPAL RATES FOR ELECTRICITY.

DUBLIN AND BELFAST COMPARED.

FROM OUR BELFAST CORRESPONDENT.

In connection with the report of the Dublin City Commissioners recommending further reductions in the scale of charges for the use of the municipal electricity supply for heating purposes, I understand that the general heating rate in Belfast stands at 1½d. per unit. For domestic lighting the price in Belfast is 5½d. per unit, except when the valuation system is adopted. Under this system, which is generally adopted in the case of new houses, the consumer pays a flat rate of 20 per cent. of the valuation of the dwellinghouse, or 2d. per unit for every unit of electricity used, either for heating or lighting purposes. This plan obviates the necessity for two electric meters in the house, one for heating and the other for lighting.

It is felt generally in Belfast that the charge of 5½d. per unit for lighting to other consumers is much too high in view of the amount charged for heating and other purposes. In Belfast many large consumers get their supply in bulk, which they transform on their own premises to the voltage required. The average selling price of electricity in Belfast is 1.89d., which, it is contended, is much below the average price in Dublin.

In Belfast the rate for advertising signs is 2d. per unit, and the same rate applies to night-lighting of shop fronts. For restaurants and hotels the charge is 1½d. per unit when the consumption does not exceed 10,000 units per annum, and above this rate of consumption 1d. per unit.

BELFAST HOUSING.

TRADE UNIONISTS' DEMANDS.

At a meeting of the Belfast Trades Council a long report was submitted of a building trade workers' conference held on the 30th December with a view to formulating a housing policy for labour. The report was submitted by Mr. J. Morrow, and it was stated that it had been agreed by the delegates that the shortage of working-class houses in Belfast was about 1,200, and this was not allowing for houses unfit for habitation.

The chief points in the recommendations were that a public demand should be made on the Corporation, as the responsible authority, to deal with the shortage, and that the Corporation should without delay formulate further housing schemes, the houses to be built by direct labour under the supervision of a fully-qualified architect and surveyor, with an adequate staff and costing system.

The superintendent or director of housing should be responsible for the recruitment of all classes of suitable and competent labour.

The Building Trades Federation, on the other hand, should co-operate with the superintendent of the Housing Committee for the supply of labour, and, to obviate the operations of local "rings," materials should be purchased from the widest possible area, and the possibilities of large-scale purchasing with a view to economy should be fully explored.

FOR LETTING ONLY.

The houses should be built for letting only, and the management, repair, collection of rent, etc., to be under the control of the superintendent. The amount included in the rents for repairs should be allocated to a repairs fund and utilised on a mutual insurance basis.

Minimum accommodation for the houses was suggested as (1) parlour, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, etc., with a density of eighteen to the acre; (2) kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, etc., with a density of twenty to twenty-four to the acre.

On the question of subsidy it was recommended that this should be increased by the Government to £120, and the Corporation to grant £60, provided the houses are built for letting only and shall be available for that purpose for a period of not less than forty years.

The report was accepted, but its consideration was adjourned until the next meeting.

THE POTEEN TRAFFIC IN THE WEST.

TWO MEN SENTENCED.

At Castlebar District Court, District Justice Coyne sentenced Patrick MacHale, Bundoven, to one month's imprisonment for being in possession of a barrel of wash, containing forty gallons; and Martin MacHale to a like term of imprisonment for having a quantity of illicit spirits.

Sergeant M. J. Hughes, Castlebar, stated that he was in charge of a party of Guards and detectives, and on arriving at Patrick MacHale's house he divided the search party up. MacHale came up to him and said that he was a decent fellow and knew that he would not do him any harm. He asked witness to bring the men round the other side of the river and they might find something. They found the barrel of wash in a fence dividing MacHale's land from another person's. He presumed that was the reason he wanted them to approach the fence from the other side.

In the case of Martin MacHale the bottle of poteen was found between two rocks.

GUARDS' MIDNIGHT VIGIL.

SEQUEL IN WESTPORT DISTRICT COURT.

A midnight vigil in the vicinity of Carrowmore River (Westport) by Civic Guards, a military officer and C.I.D. men had a sequel at Westport District Court, when John Maguire, Thomas Barry, Thomas Kelly and Michael Morrison were charged with meeting for the purpose of drilling, and with having unloaded firearms and ammunition in their possession.

Guard McGarry deposed to being on duty at Carrowmore at one o'clock a.m. on December 23rd last, when he observed the accused men coming towards him. They were carrying firearms. There were three shot-gun cartridges found on Morrison, six on Thomas Barry and four on Maguire. The guns in their possession were loaded and ready for use.

The case against Kelly, for being in possession of a gun, was withdrawn, as he had a permit.

Mr. E. Barry, for the defence, said that the defendants were there on a harmless fowling expedition, and they gave no trouble to the Guards.

The charge of drilling was dismissed. The other charge, the Justice said, was very serious; but having regard to the manner in which the case was met, he would not send them to jail, but would fine them £5 each and costs.

"GREAT ENGINEERING ADVENTURES."

In the Members' Hall of the Royal Dublin Society's premises, at Ballsbridge, yesterday, Sir Edward Cresny addressed a large audience on the subject of "Great Engineering Adventures." Among these he singled out for special mention the Severn Tunnel, describing the difficulties which had to be overcome before it was completed. This great work was started in 1872 and finished in 1887. The next dealt with Salton Sink, a desert north of the Gulf of California, which was ultimately reclaimed. A hydro-electrical power scheme on the Mississippi River, at Des Moines Rapids, was described at length. Difficulties met with in connection with the Copper River near the Gulf of Alaska. The water supply of Los Angeles, with its one and a half million inhabitants, he said, was carried from the Owens River, 232 miles away, through 150 miles of waterless desert.

He added that he did not know of any great engineering undertaking which had been threatened in which the men had not risen to the occasion.

Lantern slides, in natural colours, were used to illustrate the lecture.

"THE MOTOR NEWS."

Commencing with January 8th issue this well-known Irish motor paper inaugurates a new department devoted to "Transport Topics." Special contributions by eminent experts on transport subjects, and commercial vehicle interests generally, and Map showing transport services. All usual features retained. Published every Saturday, 1d.; Eason's and all newsagents. Commercial Vehicle users invited to apply for specimen copy to 64 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

STREET TRADING IN DUBLIN.

A CLEAN SWEEP.

CITY COMMISSIONERS' NEW REGULATIONS.

The street trading for which Dublin is noted among capital cities will be a thing of the past when, within the next few weeks, the by-laws adopted by the City Commissioners have been sanctioned by the Minister for Justice.

Availing themselves of the powers conferred by the Street Tarding Act, the Commissioners are making a clean sweep of a system that has grown into a nuisance. Stalls and barrows and upturned cases, on which all sorts of things are offered for sale, encroach more and more upon the city footpaths and crossings, and in confined areas, like South Great George's street, the street traders have almost monopolised the passageway that should be reserved for pedestrians.

The proposed new Order is a comprehensive one. In it this class of trading is forbidden in no fewer than 250 streets and thoroughfares. To put it in a nutshell, all stalls and stands on the streets on both sides of the river must be abolished, and itinerant traders will not be allowed to hawk their goods on any of the specified streets. Included in the Order are the flower and fruit stalls at Nelson Pillar, and the news stands at College Green and other places. The only exception is in favour of the second-hand book stands and barrows along the south line of quays.

Certain streets in which the traffic will not be interfered with have been allocated as centres where the street-traders can carry on their business. They include Moore street and Marlborough street on the North side, and Longford street and other side streets off Dame street to Camden street thoroughfare on the South side.

Trading will be allowed in these streets only under regulations designed to ensure cleanliness and tidiness in the vicinity of the stalls. No refuse will be permitted about the standings; no untrimmed vegetables may be exposed for sale, and all receptacles for foodstuffs must be kept thoroughly clean.

OFFICIAL POLICY.

Mr. Commissioner Murphy, in the course of a statement on the by-laws, said that they were adopted as part of the official policy to make Dublin a clean and beautiful city. Explaining the view of the present city administration, he said:—"We have directed a great deal of effort towards taking away the tawdriness of Dublin, and we have got as far as any other city with regard to the municipal duty of street cleansing; but, unfortunately, certain factors still remain—the carelessness of a large proportion of the people in littering the streets with papers and garbage, and the untidiness which is the natural result of allowing unchecked street-trading. These things nullify to some extent the work of the municipal authorities.

"Public cleansing is essentially a matter in which the best results cannot be obtained without co-operation on the part of the citizens. The object of the new by-laws is to make Dublin a clean, hygienic and beautiful city. In no other city will you see street-trading to the extent that it is observed in Dublin. The abuse has grown enormously in the last few years, and several parts of the city are rendered dirty and impassable, particularly in South Great George's street. For instance, in London, in the Strand, Piccadilly and other main thoroughfares, only barrow-trading is permitted, and in these the vehicles must be kept moving. Certain streets are set apart for stall-trading, and this has been done in Dublin, too, in allowing stall-trading in Moore street, Longford street and other streets, where traffic will not be impeded or the clean aspect of the city affected.

"While we regret the disturbance of these people from their present pitches, action is taken for the general good. The new stands have been dealt with long ago, and not allowed to assume its present dimensions."

Questioned about the Pillar stall-holders, the Commissioner said—"The Commissioners have not changed their opinion about the removal of the Pillar, but it will need statutory authority. If the Pillar goes, the stalls would logically have to go. We have done nothing more than to decide that no stall-trading shall be carried on in the main show streets of Dublin. Our by-laws are framed in the civic interest."

MOTOR TRANSPORT.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN IRELAND.

The growth of motor transport in Ireland and the important part which the commercial motor vehicle is playing in the economic life of the country is indicated by the decision of the *Motor News* to devote a department in each of its issues to the interests represented by what one may term the business side of the motor movement. In its issue of this week many recent developments are reviewed, and contributions are promised a number of people of eminence in the transport world, amongst them being an article from Mr. G. H. Harriss, the general manager of the Dublin United Tramways Co., Ltd., which will be read with particular interest in view of that company's experiences with motor omnibuses.

An interesting map is published in the issue showing the motor omnibus services now in operation from Dublin to points more than a few miles from the city. A glance at it indicates the remarkable network of omnibus services which now connect Dublin with the provincial centres of Leinster.

Readers in Northern Ireland will be particularly interested in the article by Mr. W. P. O'Neill, the chairman of the Ulster Motor Coach Owners' Association, in which he forecasts many possible developments in connection with transport matters in the North.

ENGINEERING AND SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATION CONCERT.

The annual concert in connection with the Engineering and Scientific Association of Ireland took place in the dining room of the Metropole Restaurant, Dublin, last night. It was a very enjoyable function. The arrangements for it were largely in the hands of Mr. A. P. Poole and Mr. J. G. Burley, the Hon. Secretaries, and the large audience had an opportunity of hearing a good and varied programme. The instrumental selections were no less pleasing than the vocal. Mr Hay was happy in his banjo solo, while Messrs. Blissett and Smith played well in their violin duet, and Mr. W. Reidy showed skill in his 'cello solos, which included a selection of Irish airs arranged by Misses E. and W. Reidy, and Schubert's "Ave Maria."

Mr. T. Rourke and Mr. P. Edwards were popular singers, and the tenor solos of Mr. E. H. Johnston—Schubert's "Serenade" and "O! Breathe not His Name" (Moore)—were excellently rendered. Mr Irvine Lynch sang in good voice in "Farewell in the Desert" and the "Australian Bush Song." Other soloists who gained favour were Mr. E. A. Selfe, Mr. A. Jackson, and Mr. N. E. Coghill, whose selections included "Fill a Glass with Thee" (Moore), "Golden Days" and "The Arguin' Wife" (Davies). The humorous side of the programme was adequately filled by Mr. F. Winstanley Sullivan, Mr. C. Miller, Mr. J. G. Dixon and Mr. Wilson Kelly. Mr. Lennox Braid was a sympathetic accompanist.

Mr. R. N. Tweedy, Vice-President of the Association, was in the chair.

FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE CHURCHES.

The Anglican and Eastern Churches' Association has been working for sixty-two years with very marked success, especially since the war, to bring about cordial friendship between the Churches in communion with the ancient Sees of Canterbury and Armagh, and the great Eastern Orthodox Communion, which contains 120 millions of Christians in Russia, Greece, Serbia and other countries. A meeting will be held in the Diocesan Hall, Baggot street, Dublin, on Wednesday, January 12th, at 3.30, to explain, and to arouse interest in, the work of this Society. The Archbishop of Dublin will preside, and the speakers will include the Rev. R. M. French, M.A., Secretary of the A.E.C.A., and the Rev. C. Beaufort Moss, M.A., Sub-Warden of the Bishop's Hostel, Lincoln.

CORPORATION MALE CLERKSHIPS. Exam. announced for 10th March. 3 Vacancies. Our Students obtained 5 Successes at the two latest exams. Special Classes now forming. McGUIRE'S COLLEGE, Gardiner's row, Dublin.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

St. Ann's Lectures.—The St. Ann's lectures will be resumed next Wednesday, at 8 p.m., in the Molesworth Hall, Dublin, when Mr. Fscott North, F.R.G.S., will repeat his lecture, given at the Royal Dublin Society, "On the Trail of the Cowboy."

Jervis Street Hospital.—At a meeting of the Governors of Jervis Street Hospital, Dublin, yesterday, the following were elected as a Committee of Management for 1927:—The Archbishop of Dublin, Hugh Coyle, George Hammond, Hugh Kennedy, Edward Lee, Christopher J. Murphy, Alexander Nesbitt, Michael O'Dea, James McMurrough, Peace Commissioner; John C. O'Sullivan, and Cecil G. Stapleton. Mr. Stapleton was appointed Hon. Treasurer.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

ARRIVALS:—T. Power, J. Hayes, F. Barron, J. Higgins, T. McAllister, the Rev. R. M. Gwynne, T. Wilkinson, J. Watt, A. G. Crawford, R. R. Ellis, J. H. Parker, T. Sewell, Mr. and Mrs. Greenhouse, L. T. Fleming, I. Maloney, L. L. Firth, J. V. Carty, T. Clarke.

DEPARTURES:—R. C. Sheehan, J. T. Moyles, Miss N. O'Reilly, T. Karmel, Miss Green, Miss Vaughan, the Rev. E. Hayes, D. Perrin, the Rev. Father Downey, the Rev. J. P. Kennelly, Miss N. Scanlan, Dr. Alice Lemass.

LEINSTER.

Tullamore Council Overdraft.—The overdraft of the Tullamore Urban Council is £2,082.

Farmyard Fire.—Damage estimated at £700 was done by a fire which broke out in the farmyard of Mr. Henry Behan, farmer, Cooleragh, Blackwood, last Thursday night.

Civic Guards' Dance.—One hundred couples attended the annual dance of the Civic Guards, held in Dunlavin (Wicklow Divisional area). The music was supplied by Mitchell's band, and Mills, Dublin, had charge of the catering. The dance proved most successful.

Reduced Estimate.—At the meeting of Westmeath County Board of Health, the Secretary submitted the annual estimate as £38,013, which showed a net reduction of £1,932 on last year's estimate. The estimate was adopted.

Family's Plight.—At the meeting of Westmeath County Board of Health, Mr. Dooner drew the attention of the Board to the sad plight of a labourer, who lived in a tumble-down one-roomed cottage with his wife and eleven children. An order was made that the Secretary communicate the facts of the case to the Local Government Department, with a view to having a house built for the man, if possible.

Alleged Robbery.—At a special court in Granard, before by Mr. James Carrigy, Peace Commissioner, Peter McDonald, William Donohoe, and a young man named Collins were charged with robbing William Higgins, farmer, Rathmore, on the night of December 20th last, and were remanded on bail to the next District Court.

New Presbyterian Church Barrack.—It was stated at Tullamore Urban Council meeting that the Government were about to build a new Civic Guard barracks on the site of the old R.I.C. barracks in the town, which was burned during the trouble. The site is a large one, the place having been used at one time as a military barrack, and the Urban Council have been offered a portion of it for a housing scheme by the Board of Works. They agreed to accept the offer, but asked that no ground rent be charged.

Unlicensed Bull.—At Drumlish District Court (Co. Longford), Mr. Kenny, D.J., fined Thomas Quinn 10s. for keeping and using for service an unlicensed bull, contrary to the Department's regulations. It was stated that after Guard Cusack had visited Quinn, the latter ceased to keep the bull. District Justice Kenny said that the regulations were important and must be enforced. A nominal fine, he added, was the case.

Turnip Growing in Longford.—Two swede turnips out of a plot grown by a farmer, Bernard Brady, at Rosduff, near Arva, have turned the scales at 16lb. and 15lb. 12ozs. respectively. The greater part of the crop was of the same large size. The turnips were grown on a rich soil, manured by farmyard manure only, no fertilisers of any description having been used.

The Bazaar Dog.—A travelling bazaar proprietor, George Preston, appeared at Drumlish District Court (Co. Longford), on a summons by a man named Joseph Lynam, who complained that the defendant's dog bit him on the leg when he attended a performance given by Preston's Bazaar Company in Bawn Hall, near the village. Preston said that the dog was not dangerous. The animal always lay under the stage, but on this occasion there was a lot of blackguardism going on, and somebody told the boys who were carrying it on to stop it and let the competitions go on. District Justice Kenny—What kind of competitions? Preston—Walking competitions. (Laughter.) The case was dismissed.

Old Woman's Behaviour.—At a special Court in Dundalk last Tuesday night an old woman, Mary Brennan, was remanded in custody charged with intimidating customers going into the licensed premises of Peter Ward, in Park street, and with attempting to take unlawful possession of the premises. Miss Brennan, who has served several periods of imprisonment for interfering with the premises, told the Guard when she was arrested that "when she came out she would do twice as much."

MUNSTER.

Bank Secretaryship.—Mr. A. D. Stewart, son of Dr. Stewart, South parade, Waterford, has been promoted from assistant secretary to secretary, Bank of Ireland, Waterford.

Killed by Branch of Tree.—A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned at the inquest held in Cork District Hospital yesterday on Patrick Kelly, Casement street, Clonakilty, who died from injuries received by a falling tree branch.

Possession of Gelignite.—At Dundrum (Co. Tipperary) District Court, William Conneally, labourer, in the employment of the South Tipperary County Council, was fined £1 for having unlawfully in his possession at his residence 13 sticks of gelignite and two coils of fuse.

Abbeyfeale's Water Supply.—A serious situation exists in Abbeyfeale owing to the failure of the local waterworks. At a public meeting of the residents, an agreement was signed agreeing to the payment of an annual water rate towards the repayment of the loan necessary to provide a proper water scheme, portion to be borne by the rural district. Letters were read from the Board of Health engineers and the Local Government Department at the meeting recognising the urgency of the work.

"Laughing-Stock of the Country."—At Limerick Corporation meeting last Thursday night, a resolution was read from the City Board of Health, stating that their experience of workhouse amalgamation after eighteen months, led them to the conclusion that Limerick, as a rate-paying community, was not capable of bearing the expenditure connected with the maintenance and administration of the City Home and Hospital; and that, in the matter of amalgamation, Limerick alone in the Free State had been unjustly and harshly treated. Mr. P. Bourke pointed out that they could not carry on with the present year's rate of 25s or 26s. in the £. Mr. Keyes said that the workhouse amalgamation scheme was the laughing-stock of the country. The resolution was approved.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

New Tyrone Magistrates.—Messrs. Anthony Sloan, of Martray, and Thomas M'Nulty, of Altcloughlin, farmers in the Ballygawley district of Tyrone, have been appointed to the Commission of the Peace.

Premier's Son's Appointment.—Mr. James Craig, son of the Northern Ireland Premier, has been made a director of the St. Helens Colliery Company, Workington. The company is controlled by Sir Samuel Kelly, head of the firm of Messrs. John Kelly, Ltd., Belfast, where Mr. Craig obtained his business experience.

Duchess of Abercorn to Visit Derry.—The Duchess of Abercorn and Lady Katherine Hamilton will visit Londonderry next Monday to attend Thomas Gillan, postmaster, Altnagelvin, for £7 10s., for five months' rent. Defendant said the house was in an insanitary condition. Daylight could be seen through the roof, and there was not a pane of glass in any of the windows. Defendant asked that the case be adjourned for a sanitary inspection. The judge said that that did not arise in the case. He gave a decree for the amount due.

Derry Theosophical Lodge.—Under the auspices of the Derry Theosophical Lodge, Mr. Gregson, London, last Thursday night delivered an address on "What is Theosophy?" Mrs. Hunt presided, and mentioned that Mr. Gregson had been a worker for theosophy in Belfast until a few years ago. Mr. Gregson said that theosophy was not a materialistic philosophy; it was a spiritual science and philosophy, which explained all phenomena and religion.

Saintfield's New Rector.—The Rev. P. R. Cosgrave, M.A., has been instituted rector of the united parishes of Saintfield and Killaney, in succession to the late Rev. S. I. Graham. At Trinity College Mr. Cosgrave gained the higher diploma, and afterwards studied at St. Christopher College, Blackheath. He was ordained curate of St. Luke's in 1915, and in 1918 he left that parish for Bangor. Later he worked at Darlington. On returning to Ireland he became director of religious education in the Northern Diocese.

Munger Blamed.—A sentence of a month's imprisonment, with hard labour, was imposed in the Belfast Custody Court yesterday on Edward M'Donald, Samuel street, for stealing a lady's fur coat and a blanket belonging to Jeannie Irvine, Agnes street. Constable Creagmile stated that when arrested, the prisoner said—"I am guilty. Starvation made me do it. I have no work or no income of any kind."

Derry Missionary Gala.—A gala organised by Lady Anderson, C.B.E., on behalf of the Carlisle Road Methodist Church missionary funds, was held in the Lecture Hall last Thursday night. A feature was the missionary play, "Ariel and the Four Winds," by Miss Jean M'Dougall, a member of the congregation. A musical programme was also submitted. There was also community singing, in which the audience heartily joined. The Rev. J. R. W. Roddie, who presided, thanked the performers. There was a large audience, and a handsome sum was raised.

Restitution.—George Ferguson, who was convicted at the Belfast Recorder's Court last Wednesday of having embezzled £12, and was put back to give him an opportunity of making restitution, was put forward yesterday for sentence. The Recorder said that, having regard to the recommendation to mercy of the jury, and to the fact that restitution had been made, he would deal with the case under the Probation of Offenders Act and release the defendant on his giving bail to keep the peace for two years. In the case of Joseph Gilbert, who had pleaded guilty to breaking and entering, and who paid £10 restitution, the Recorder made a like ruling under the Probation of Offenders Act. He counselled the prisoner to abstain from drink in future.

Appeal Against Sentence.—At Belfast Recorder's Court yesterday, John Macardle appealed against a sentence of three months' imprisonment imposed by the magistrates at Belfast Licensing Court for keeping liquor for sale at 53 Commercial Court without being licensed to sell same. Counsel for appellant said that sentence of three months' imprisonment was passed because this was stated to be a second offence, but no proof of any previous offence was given in the court below. Now it appeared that was the case, for the exception of formal proof of previous convictions against the appellant.

Fatal Shooting Accident.—A verdict of "death from the accidental discharge of his gun" was returned at an inquest yesterday on a young man named Armstrong, a farmer's son, of Loganmany (Co. Down). The evidence showed that on last Thursday, while ploughing on his father's farm, he went into the house and got a gun to have a shot at the crows that were following the plough. Unfortunately, he placed the weapon lengthwise on the plough, and at full cock with the barrel pointed towards himself. He had barely started to plough again when the gun went off, and the contents of the charge entered his stomach.

A Calicus Practice.—At Rathfriland Petty Session yesterday, R. J. Fletcher prosecuted two men named Devlin and McAllister for cruelty in respect of three young pigs on December 8th at Rathfriland. The police evidence showed that the pigs were Devlin's, and McAllister, who was in charge of them, used a long slender fir or pin, with which he jabbed them on the nose when they were in a cart. One pig had its nose badly torn and another had its snout cut through. Mr. McSpadden, who defended, said that, although the practice of jabbing pigs might be a callous one, it was general, and was done to keep them from fighting. The case against Devlin was dismissed, while McAllister, by a majority, was fined 5s. and costs.

Doctors Differ.—In the Belfast Custody Court yesterday, Robert M. Gray was charged with being drunk in charge of a motor car on the Newtownards road, and also driving in a manner dangerous to the public. After hearing the evidence, Mr. O'Donoghue, R.M., said that the majority of the magistrates were in favour of dismissing both charges on the merits. He entirely disagreed with that decision, but they were bound by numbers on the Bench. Both cases would accordingly be dismissed on the merits. Dr. Robinson deposed to having examined the defendant in the police office at 3.10 a.m. that day, and the defendant would have been capable of driving a car, but at the time of his arrest he considered he had a sufficient amount of alcohol to render him unfit to drive. For the defence, Dr. Laird said that he arrived at the police office about the same time as Dr. Robinson. At the time witness saw him he was quite fit to drive a car, and he believed the defendant would have been also quite capable of driving a car at 1.45 a.m.

Free State Firm's Claim.—At Londonderry Recorder's Court the Gweedore Co-operative Society sued Edward O'Hanlon, 136 Fahan street, Londonderry, to recover £291 16s. 9d., balance due for the price of goods sold. Mr. Tracy, for the plaintiffs, mentioned that there was a counter-claim by O'Hanlon. The Recorder—Can a counter-claim be entered? The plaintiffs live in the Free State and I could not make a decree. Mr. Robb (for the defendant)—They submit themselves to the jurisdiction of this Court. The Recorder—Anything I give can only be in the nature of a set-off. Fred. Boyle, the Society's manager, gave evidence of the goods supplied. Defendant had two £1 shares in the Society, in 1919 to become a member. At that time food was controlled, and it was to ensure that he would not be left unprovided for that he gave the Society the money. The Recorder allowed the defendant £7 as a set-off in respect of harness he had supplied to the Society, and the remainder of the account was referred to the Registrar.

South Derry Roads.—At the quarterly meeting of the Magherafelt Rural District Council the County Surveyor (Mr. J. A. Moore) reported that the roads in the district, generally speaking, received fair attention from the contractors during the past quarter. The Clerk read a letter from Mrs. Chichester, O.B.E., M.P., in which she asked him to draw the attention of the County Surveyor and of the Councillors to the state of some of the roads which were at present under contract. Some of the third-class roads she had recently driven over were in a shocking state. The County Surveyor's estimate for the upkeep of roads for the year 1927-28 amounted to £17,500, which was a reduction of £3,500, equivalent to a rate of 8½d. in the £. This was considered satisfactory and was passed unanimously.

Allegation against Agent.—In the Belfast Custody Court yesterday Marcus Stanley Duncan, whose address was given as Craigmore street, was remanded in custody for a week, charged with converting to his own use £690 belonging to Albert Walker, Buchanan street, Glasgow. Albert Walker said that about the end of May last he engaged the defendant to act for his firm as agent in Belfast and district. His duty was to sell fur goods to the retail trade. He had no authority to collect money on behalf of the firm. The accused was paid 5 per cent. commission on all sales. From time to time within the past six months his firm had forwarded to the accused man goods to the value of £750. On examining the defendant's stock there was a shortage of about £690.

Coal Thief Sentenced.—In the Belfast Custody Court yesterday George Munce, Hunter street; William Allen and Robert Watson, both of Matilda street, and a boy pleaded guilty to the theft of a quantity of coal, the property of the Great Northern Railway. Evidence was given by three police witnesses of seeing the prisoners throw coal from a train. William Lathner, an employé of the railway company, stated that on the date in question two tons of coal were stolen from the train. Munce, who had a "record," was sentenced to a month's imprisonment; Allen and Watson were ordered to each pay 10s. compensation and bound over to keep the peace for twelve months; and the boy was discharged with a caution.

Charged with Forging Doctor's Name.—Alfred W. May or Mayes, Wandsworth parade, Belmont Church road, Belfast, was in the Belfast Custody Court yesterday returned for trial on bail at the Commission

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INSURANCE CARD LOSSES.

LABOUR EXECUTIVE AND NORTHERN MINISTER.

The attitude of the Right Hon. J. M. Andrews, Minister of Labour in the Northern Government, on the question of reciprocal arrangements between the Government and the Free State and his own Government in regard to unemployment insurance was the subject of further criticism by Mr. T. Johnson, T.D., yesterday. Mr. Andrews said to our Belfast Correspondent on Thursday last that the National Executive of the Labour Party's statement was so full of inaccuracies and so unfair that he did not propose to pay any attention to it, and that it was the Free State Government who created the difficulty by breaking away from the common standard of social services.

Speaking to an *Irish Times* representative yesterday, Mr. Johnson said: "Mr. Andrews accuses the National Executive of inaccuracy and unfairness, but he does not point out any specific instance of either. In the same way he has persistently dismissed proposals for reciprocity as impracticable without once indicating in what points they were impracticable. Throughout Mr. Andrews has refused to come down to practical business. We are looking at the matter as critics of the Government here; but at the same time we are endavouring to do justice to both Governments, and in that rôle we have come to the conclusion, with all the facts before us, that the fault lies with Mr. Andrews."

GOVERNMENT MUST BE MAD.

WATERFORD COUNCILLOR AND LICENSING BILL.

At the monthly meeting of the Waterford Corporation a deputation from the local branch of the Licensed Vintners' Association attended and strongly protested against what they termed the drastic proposals of the new Licensing Bill. Clauses to which they particularly objected were daily closing from 3 to 5 and the abolition of the *bona fide* traffic. Direct compensation by the Government to houses proposed to be eliminated under the bill was also strongly urged.

With the exception of Councillor Mrs. Sarah Holmes White, all the members present favoured the views of the deputation, and passed a resolution of protest on the lines suggested.

Mrs. White opposed, from the women's and temperance point of view, and congratulated the Government on the proposed measure adding that the bill was most essential for the protection of women and children. It was mainly due to the "mixed" grocery and licensed houses, she said, that women were afforded facilities for drinking.

Councillor James Joy, opposing the bill, said that the Government must be mad to introduce such legislation as an industry from which they derived hundreds in revenue.

Councillor Jones said that it was an insult to the Irish people to introduce such a bill at a time when people in the twenty-six counties were clamouring, not for drink, but for food and work.

LOUTH HUNT BALL.

AN ENJOYABLE REUNION.

Close on two hundred people attended the Louth Hunt Ball last night at Beaulieu House, Drogheda, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery. The ballroom was decorated with the colours of the Hunt—scarlet and French grey—and, with Captain Filgate, the popular Master, acting as honorary secretary, nothing was wanting to make the annual reunion a very enjoyable function. The music was by Miss Billie Weiner's band, and Mills, of Dublin, had charge of the catering.

Among those present were—The Master and Mrs. Filgate, Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery and party; Lord and Lady Louth, Major and Mrs. Shirley, Mr. Pack Beresford, the Hon. Mary Ward, Sir Vere and Lady Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. Smith Bingham and party; Captain and Mrs. Osborne, Miss Ball and Miss Ball, Miss Ffolkes, Mr. and Mrs. George Ball, the Rev. Mr. Fry, Miss Cameron, Mr. Moorhead, Mr. Dan, Leahy, Mrs. Woods and party; Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Sheridan, Mr. Balding, Mr. T. and Miss McKeever, Colonel and Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Macardle, Dundalk, and party; Mr. Callan, Dundalk, Colonel and Mrs. Cairns, Mrs. Cuthill, Sir Lingard Goulding, Mr. J. Ennis, Captain and Mrs. Fox Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Matthews, Judge and Mrs. Lentaigne, Mrs. Simmonds and party; Captain and Mrs. Hornsby, the Hon. Mrs. Massy and party; Miss Henry, Miss Bellingham, Mrs. England, Major Mackerney-Filgate, Mr. W. A. Filgate,

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Preacher—Rev. T. C. HAMMOND, M.A.

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7.0 p.m.—Rev. J. W. CARROTHERS, M.A., LL.D.
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MARCH 26th, 1927,
AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

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HOUSING CONFERENCES.
PRELIMINARY NOTICE.
PROGRAMME.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25th, 1927:
Conference, 10.30 a.m. — The present position regarding Housing throughout the country.
Speaker: E. P. McCarron, Esq., Secretary, Local Government Department.
Conference (1), 3.30 p.m. — The possibility of a continuous Building Programme for Ireland over a number of years through joint action between Employers, Employés and the State.
Speaker: The Rev. D. H. Hall.
(2) The formation of a National Housing Board
Speaker: 8 p.m. — Thomas Johnston, Esq., T.D. Public Lecture on Town Planning.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26th, 1927.
Conference, 11 a.m.—The Financing of Housing Schemes.
Speaker: E. Macardle, Esq., Drogheda, Association of Chambers of Commerce.
3.30 p.m. — The possibility of forming a National Co-operative Investment Trust for Housing.
Speaker: W. J. Byrne, Esq., Dublin Commercial Public Utility Society.
8 p.m. — Public Meeting—Each political party has been invited to send a representative to state the Housing Policy of their party.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1927.
11 a.m. and 3 p.m.—Conference for members of Public Utility Societies.
8 p.m. — Public Meeting.
ADMISSION TO ALL CONFERENCES BY TICKET, on application to the Secretary, 9 Ely place, Dublin.
It is hoped that all interested in Housing will attend, and take part in the discussions.

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JAMES SMITHWICK,
County Club, Kilkenny.

BALL AT MOATE.
POSTPONEMENT OF DATE.
Owing to the date of the Ball, arranged to take place at Moate (Co. Westmeath) Town Hall on 17th inst., clashing with the Westmeath Farmers' Annual Dance on that date, the Ball is now POSTPONED UNTIL MONDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

THE WESTMEATH HUNT BALL
Will be Held at
KNOCKDRIN CASTLE, MULLINGAR,
ON WEDNESDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1927
(NOT 27th as previously stated).
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PUBLIC NOTICES.

THE MISSION TO LEPERS
(IRELAND).
PRELIMINARY NOTICE.
The ANNUAL MEETING will (D.V.) be held in the MOLESWORTH HALL on WEDNESDAY, 9th MARCH, 1927, at 4.15 p.m.
Speakers: Dr. Robert G. Cochrane, Medical Advisor to the Mission; Mr. A. Donald Miller, Secretary for India.
Particulars later on. Please book this date.

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Full Supporting Programme.

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AFTERNOON RECITAL at 4 p.m.
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FRANK E. STEPHENS, Esq., B.A., ON
" EDUCATION AND THE FUTURE "
(Continued by Request).
At LINCOLN CHAMBERS, 11 LINCOLN PLACE,
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CONTRACTS.

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TENDERS FOR BOOKBINDING.
Tenders are hereby invited for the Binding and Lettering of the Books in the Public Libraries for the period of one year from 1st April, 1927, under the terms and conditions set forth in the Form of Tender, which can be obtained at the Office of the Town Clerk, City Hall, Dublin, on payment of the sum of one shilling. No Tender will be considered unless furnished on the Form above referred to.
Tenders, addressed to the "Commissioners of the County Borough of Dublin, City Hall, Dublin," and endorsed "Tenders for Bookbinding," must reach my office not later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 25th January, 1927.
JOHN J. MURPHY, Town Clerk.
8th January, 1927.
City Hall, Dublin. O'K.

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TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY OF BOOKS.
Tenders are hereby invited for the supply of Books to the Public Libraries for a period of one year from the 1st April, 1927.
The Commissioners reserve the right to purchase from time to time Books otherwise than from the firm whose Tender may be accepted.
The Commissioners require the firm whose Tender may be accepted to give security in their own bond for the sum of £100 and to procure two substantial securities, who will enter into a bond of £100 each, for the due performance of the contract, and to pay out-of-pocket expenses of preparing such contract and bonds.
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JOHN J. MURPHY, Town Clerk.
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RATHDOWN BOARD OF GUARDIANS.
The Rathdown Board of Guardians, Loughlinstown, hereby invite Tenders for the supply of SIXTY TONS of FARMYARD MANURE, delivered at the Hospital Farm. Tenders, addressed to the Chairman, to be received on or before one o'clock on Wednesday, the 19th January, 1927.
By Order, PATRICK CLINNIAM,
Clerk to the Guardians.
6th January, 1927. K.A.A.

RATHMINES AND RATHGAR URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
TENDER FOR PUBLIC LAMP BRACKETS AND FITTINGS.
The Rathmines and Rathgar Urban District Council invite Tenders for Public Lamp Brackets and Fittings.
Copies of the specification and Tender Form can be obtained at the Electricity Works on and after this date.
Tenders addressed to the Chairman of the Council, and marked "Tender for Lamp Brackets," must be delivered at the Town Hall on or before 10 a.m. on Wednesday, the 26th inst.
The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.
BEACOME MASON,
Clerk to the Council.
Town Hall, Rathmines, Co. Dublin.
January 7th, 1927. K.A.A.

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The Irish Times.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1927.

IRELAND.

At a meeting of the Irish Guild of Catholic Nurses, held last night in Dublin, Dr. J. B. Magennis suggested that nurses, on completing a certain period of service, should receive State pensions.—(Page 5.)

Messrs. Guinness's employés have presented Mercer's Hospital, Dublin, with a six-valve receiving set for the use of the patients and hospital staffs.—(Page 5.)

By-laws regulating street trading in Dublin have been adopted by the City Commissioners, and are expected to receive the sanction of the Minister for Justice within the next few weeks.—(Page 9.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

The wireless telephone service between London and New York was inaugurated yesterday. Many conversations took place.—(Page 7.)

Outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease were confirmed yesterday at Neasden, in Middlesex, and at Rushton, in Northamptonshire.—(Page 7.)

Six men who were working in compressed air in a tunnel at Deptford dry docks yesterday were trapped when an explosion occurred in the shaft. Two of the men were got out, but no hope is entertained that the others are alive.—(Page 7.)

ABROAD.

American women and children are leaving Hankow.—(Page 7.)

The figures of the Free State quota to the United States were issued yesterday.—(Page 7.)

SPORTING.

At Gatwick yesterday Lordi won the Purley Handicap Steeplechase.—(Page 10.)

FINANCIAL.

London Stock Markets were small and quiet in tone. There were no features.—(Page 4.)

The Treasury bill rate fell to 4¼ per cent., as against £4 9s. 6.63d. per cent. last week. Daily loans were not offered under 3 per cent. Discount rates were steady.—(Page 4.)

Dublin Market was colourless. Johnston Mooney Prefs. fell 10s. 9d. to 60s.—(Page 4.)

"What Boots It?"

At a meeting of the Dublin City Commissioners to-day Mr. Commissioner Hernon will make a report on the technical education section of the Dublin Corporation. In the course of his remarks Mr. Hernon informs the Commissioners that a visit was made recently to Northampton and Stafford by two officials who had been instructed to make certain inquiries into technical instruction as applied to the manufacture of boots and shoes. They met the heads of some of the leading firms in England, who told them that no useful purpose would be served by the establishment of branch factories in the Irish Free State. The existing tariff of fifteen *per cent.* on imported footwear, they declared, "formed no obstacle to the sale of English-made boots in Ireland." Nothing less than a tariff of forty *per cent.*, they added, would have any effect on their trade; and, in the circumstances, there was no necessity for the extension of their manufacturing activities to this country. Mr. Hernon also notes that, according to the British boot and shoe manufacturers, one-third of the total export of footwear from Britain is sent to Ireland. This frank statement is a crushing answer to those well-meaning folk in the Free State who are clamouring for protective tariffs on the ground that they not only will foster native industries, but will compel cross-Channel manufacturers to establish factories in this country in order to retain their markets. The Minister for Finance himself, in one of his recent Budget speeches, asserted that the likelihood of this development had influenced him in his decision to impose certain tariffs; but we fear that the English boot and shoe manufacturers have given his arguments an ugly shock. Undoubtedly, the tax on imported footwear has increased the sale of Irish-made boots and shoes. Some hundreds of men have been given employment in native factories, but the national gain is trifling in comparison with the huge price that the consumer is being required to pay.

In 1924 the value of footwear imported into the Free State was £1,951,086; in 1925 it was £1,870,178, and for the first nine months of 1926 it was £1,380,749. In spite of the tariff, therefore, boots and shoes to the average value of about £1,850,000 *per annum* are being imported. Strangely enough, while the volume of this trade, measured in terms of money, has been falling slightly since the tariff was introduced, it has been increasing in terms of "numbers of pairs." The English manufacturers, with little or no loss to themselves, have been able to arrange matters in such a way as to throw the whole weight of the additional tax on the shoulders of the Free State consumer. The yearly burden of this tax amounts to more than £250,000, which—although it goes into the national exchequer, and consequently, in theory at any rate, prevents the imposition of a corresponding tax on something else—seems to be a heavy price for the benefits which Mr. Blythe's experiment has brought to the native manufacturing trade. It is high time that the tariff issue should be faced squarely. Are Mr. Blythe's import duties intended primarily to protect Irish industry or to bring grist to the mill of the Ministry for Finance? So far as footwear is concerned, there seems to be little doubt that the tariff is almost purely a revenue tax, which cannot be justified by any consideration of economic common-sense. If some of the cross-Channel manufacturers had built factories in the Free State, great advantages assuredly would have accrued to the country; but Commissioner Hernon's report shatters that pleasant illusion. Fortunately, the establishment of the Tariff Commission safeguards the Free State public against a recurrence of the almost reckless haste with which the existing duties were imposed; but much damage already has been done. The index figures of the cost of living in the Free State tell their own story. This little country to-day is one of the most expensive places in Western Europe, and, if the protectionists have their way, it will become more expensive still. We hope sincerely that Mr. Hernon's report will be a warning to them; but the time has come when the consumers must take steps to protect their own interests, and must make the most of the opportunities which are afforded by the public sittings of the Tariff Commission.

Fairer Dublin.

Street traders will be abolished forthwith from the main streets of Dublin. The City Commissioners announce that henceforward stalls will not be allowed save in minor thoroughfares through which no large body of traffic passes. The reform is necessary, and recent traffic developments have rendered its need urgent. Street trading grew up in spacious and leisurely days, but in our own times, when multitudes throng the streets and mechanically-propelled vehicles hurry through the crowds, every stall is a menace to public safety. Some of the city's main thoroughfares have become noisy, dirty and, at busy hours, almost impassable. That highway of many names which runs from Dame street to the South Circular road is now overrun by hawkers, and any motorist will testify that he prefers to make a *détour* rather than to force his way through the narrowed passage admitted by the stalls. Shopkeepers and persons having offices on the roads thus turned into parodies of an Oriental bazaar have fair cause of complaint; but the interests of a clean and well-ordered city suffice to render the plague of stalls importunate. We have full sympathy, however, with the suggestion that the displaced traders should be accommodated with open spaces suitable for a mart. The stalls of Smithfield, that clamorous square, do good work in Belfast in catering for the thrifty housewife and in providing a check to "profiteering" in the shops of the main thoroughfares. A popular market of the same sort would be a boon to the humble people of Dublin. In the meantime, we hope that no false pleading will divert the Commissioners from their admirable efforts to render Dublin a comely city.

One of the sites at which the multiplication of hawkers has become particularly injurious is that portion of Henry street which has been rebuilt. Here a line of handsome new shops has been erected, and there is substantial prospect of brisk business prosecuted in agreeable circumstances. To permit the fish-purveyor's basket, the apple-woman's stall and the strident voice of the cheapjack to destroy the amenities of such a promising shopping centre would be an outrage upon any modern city. The arcade between Henry street and Prince's street is not the only structural improvement made by the Commissioners in the city's centre. Gloucester street has been carried through to Sackville street, although the connecting piece of highway is not open yet to traffic and remains a playground for the children of the slums and a reproach to a city that provides no fitter places of recreation. When a proper surface has been applied and the new piece of road has been opened great volumes of traffic will be diverted from the congested area adjacent to Amiens street Station. Gloucester street thus will recover something of the importance which, as its fine breadth shows, it once possessed. Driving through that splendid highway, the traveller is oppressed by the crowded and decayed houses which line either side. Noble old doorways, that recall the Dublin of Malton's prints, loom in dirty dignity over unsightly knots of tenement dwellers. In the contrast between the road and its occupants the story of Dublin's past and the tale of our generation's task are concentrated. By re-opening a natural artery to the tide of modern traffic the Commissioners are attacking decay. As they proceed in modernising Dublin, so they will bring natural energies into play for the cleansing of its Augean neglect. Their hands will be strengthened if public opinion applauds their toils—whether in driving from the highway spectacles of fecklessness and obstacles to civic comfort or in laying the broad foundations of finer things.

Unemployment in France.

The problem of unemployment begins to cause serious anxiety in France. From the British point of view the actual figures of French unemployment are negligible. In the third week of December the figure was 6,700; in the following week it was 13,000, and on the 3rd January it was nearly 18,000. This last figure shows that to-day there is less unemployment in the whole of France than in the twenty-six counties of the Irish Free State; but the recent increase is disquieting for many reasons. During the years of industrial prosperity after the war, when factories were working over-time and wages were high, the French people flocked to the cities and towns in such numbers that the countryside virtually was denuded of agricultural labour. To fill the gap foreigners—chiefly Italians—were introduced with the approval of the French Government; and there are departments in the South where the population is predominantly Italian. The recent rise in the value of the franc, by checking exports, has produced an economic crisis in the over-crowded industrial areas. Trade is languishing; many factories have closed their doors, and in recent weeks large numbers of artisans have been dismissed. Matters are likely to be worse in the immediate future, and the Government is making its plans in the expectation that hundreds of thousands of workers will lose their jobs during the next few months. The Minister for Labour has announced that no more contracts for foreign workmen will be sanctioned; but he gives no definite assurance that any of the encamped foreigners will be sent back to their own countries, and there is a widespread belief that work has been guaranteed to them for a period of three or four years. The French Government's anxiety, therefore, is quite intelligible. If distress becomes really acute in the industrial centres, and an escape to rural employment is blocked by the "*J'y suis, j'y reste*" of the foreign colonies, Paris and Liège and Lyons may furnish fertile soil for Communist intrigue.

A Tax on Goats.

The losses of the coal strike will compel Mr. Churchill to seek fresh sources of taxation. Since the Chancellor is travelling in the Mediterranean, he may take a hint from Italy, where the Government is showing much ingenuity in the devising of new taxes and of plausible defences therefor. Recently it put a tax on bachelors as shirkers of their duty to society; and now it has decided to tax goats. Such a tax needs a stout defence; for the goat is the "poor man's cow." It might have been imposed on the simple ground that Signor Mussolini dislikes goats. Other great men have cherished similar whims. Brasidas, a dauntless soldier, fainted at sight of a mouse, and Roberts of Kandahar could not abide cats. The goat might have been taxed as the convicted breeder of Malta fever, which afflicted British troops in the Mediterranean during the Great War. In fact, the Italian Government has decided to tax the goat as an enemy of the woodlands. It has no grudge against the goat so long as it is kept in a stable; but henceforward it is to be taxable when it is left to browse at will. This duty, the Italian people are told, the State owes to its scenery and to its timber industry; for unbridled goats are achieving a work of slow, but sure, deforestation on the mountains of the South. Henceforward, therefore, no Italian goats will be qualified for unrestricted pasturage until their owners have secured special licences and have paid a tax of ten lire *per* head. Next to the Balkan Peninsula, Italy has the largest goat population in Europe, and it is calculated that the new tax will be applicable to 2,450,000 of Pan's deserted friends.

IN KILKENNY CATHEDRAL.

A NOTABLE IRISHWOMAN.

(BY "K.")

In the south transept of Kilkenny Cathedral, which old people used to call Kenny's Church, there is an effigy of a notable woman, Margaret FitzGerald, wife of Piers eighth Earl of Ormonde and Ossorie. He is in armour, and his feet rest on a dog. He died on the 26th day of August, 1539; she died on the 9th of August, but the year is not given. Her hands are joined in prayer. Her dress was worn more than a hundred years earlier in England. Looking at their sculptured faces, you think that they must be true likenesses, and that a placider-looking pair were never seen on a tombstone. She seems to smile, and you say: "Can this be she of whom it was said even in the last century that unruly children at Ballyraggett were awed by her name!"

There is a stone seat called hers on the top of Ballyraggett Castle, and whosoever sits thereon and wishes will get his wish. To sit there on one of the boon summer days of old and look down on the lime trees while their fragrance floated upwards was unforgetable. The Book of Howth tells how Pierce and Margaret came to be wedded: "Gerot, erle of Kildare, about the yere of our L. 1485, being at wariens wt James Butler, erle of Wormone, & ye rest of ye Butlers, married his sister [daughter] called lady Margaret to one Persse Butler for polisaye. This Persse was in warr with the sayd James & was maryntened by the cirle of Kildare, by mane wher of this sayd James could not well attend to were [war] wt the cirle of Kildare, nor so much harme doe as he was accostomed to doe."

Evil days came to Margaret for a time, and we read that "great and manifold were the nuderies the ladie Margaret sustened, her husband Piers Butler being so egerlie pursued by the vsurper, as he durst not [dar up hed, but was forced to hover and lurke in woods and forreste." Many an hour only sustenance, and one day she begged her husband to get wine for her. Quoth he: "Truelie, Margaret, thou shalt have store of wine within this foure and twentie houres or else thou shalt feed [only] alone on milke for me." Next day he fell upon the usurper and with a couragious charge gored the bastard through with his speare."

When her husband assumed the title of Earl of Ormonde, after the death of Earl Thomas, great-grandfather of Queen Elizabeth, he determined that he would maintain in honour of his house, even at the sacrifice of the friendship of his wife's brother; "and in this he was cordially supported by the energetic character of his wife, who had become in heart and soul a Butler, and instigated him to give a vigorous opposition to her own kinsmen."

Thus "made matches" are sometimes better than the other kind. Carryson's "Historie of Ireland" says that she was "a rare woman, and able for wisdome to rule a Realme, had not her smacks overrul'd herselfe." Farther on he says that her husband "bare out his honour, and the charge of governement very worthily, through the singular wisdome of his Countesse, a Lady of such part, that all Estates of the Realme couched under her politique, that nothing was thought unbatantially debated without her advice, manlike and tall of stature, very rich and bountiful, a bitter enemy, the onely meane at those dayes whereby her Husband's Countrey was reclaymed from the slutish and uncleane Irish custome to the English habite, bedding, house-keeping, and civility . . . a Majesty above the tenure of a subject."

IRIS STYLOSA.
The saffron jasmine starred the wall;
Brightly the clay glowed at its fall,
And to the house the women brought
Long stems for Yule, and of them wrought
Garlands fit for a Cæsar's head—
Linked with hollies, berried-red.
But, Yuletide over, they took down
What seemed to all the year's last crown—
The saffron stars, the berries red—
And long I wearied heart and head,
Thinking that never bloom would blow
Till skies were emptied of hail and snow,
Till froward crocus broke the loam
And the daffodil-time had come.

But yesterday, in a sheltered spot,
Beloved of blackbirds, reckoned not
Too kind to roses—for they who have sown
And planted here have never known
The sun to reach it in its ride
From Easter unto Lammastide—
There found I, in earth's time of rue,
A group of irises, sky-blue,
All moist with colour, moist with life,
Their crumbled petals braving strife
Of January rain and wind,
And bringing April back to mind.

P. C. TRIMBLE.
Dublin, January 4th, 1927.

"IRISH TIMES" FUEL FUND.

50,749 HOMES PROVIDED WITH FIRES IN TEN WEEKS.

Yesterday the *Irish Times* Fuel Fund completed the tenth week of its free distribution of fire blocks to the poor of Dublin. The total number of persons who have been supplied to date is 50,749.

The free distribution of fire blocks will be continued daily (Sunday excepted) to ticket-holders only at the

"Irish Times" Fuel Dépôt,
49 City quay, Dublin,

between the hours of

AMERICAN WOMEN LEAVE HANKOW.

ALL BUSINESS STOPPED.

CHINESE MOB OVERPOWERS THE NATIONALIST GUARDS.

U.S. ADMIRAL'S ORDERS.

MORE FOREIGN CONCESSIONS TO BE EVACUATED.

THE evacuation of Hankow and other foreign settlements in China is continuing. Most of the British and American women and children have left the Hankow settlement, but all the American men and all but twelve of the Englishmen are remaining for the present.

The British Concession in Hankow is completely under the control of the Chinese Nationalists, and further developments are anxiously awaited.

Further British and American naval forces are arriving to deal with the situation.

It is stated that the evacuation of British men, as well as women, from Chengtu and elsewhere in the province of Szechuan and other parts in Southern and Western China has begun.

Admiral C. S. Williams, the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet, has been ordered to Shanghai to observe and report on the conditions there, says a Washington message.

YESTERDAY IN HANKOW.

"BRITISH RESIDENTS STUNNED BY EVENTS OF PAST THREE DAYS."

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.
HANKOW, Friday.

To-night the streets are deserted by all but the armed uniformed men. Several British women have not left the port, as no definite orders had been received. The same applies to women and children at Wuchang and Hanyang.

The British are remaining, anxiously awaiting a message from the British Government concerning its intentions. No one desires to hamper the home authorities, and each is anxious to keep the flag flying in every way possible, for the honour of the homeland.

The patients from the Catholic and International hospitals, with four nurses, have been taken on board the steamer Tungting.

FRENCH POSITION.

The French Consul-General has been informed by the National Government that it has no intention to take the French Concession, except after lawful negotiations, but it regards the ultimate restoration to China of the Japanese and French Concessions as necessary.

Under instructions from the British authorities, the majority of the British men have assembled in the Asiatic Petroleum Company's buildings, the gate of which was guarded throughout to-day by uniformed men. It is expected that this measure will be abandoned very soon.

The uniformed men are quartered in all the public buildings and in the verandahs of the principal banks, and the prospects that law and order will be preserved are slightly more favourable.

The *China Post* continues to publish, with difficulty. The Chinese staff are most loyal.

"COMMUNITY STUNNED."

This morning two boats, with British residents, left and proceeded down the river. The events of the past three days have stunned the community, who, trusting to the statements of the British Government and the Minister concerning protection of British interests, did not expect such a *denouement*.

I am unable to say whether the situation was brought about as the result of a pre-arranged plot or was a piece of opportunism on the part of the Nationalist leaders, who, ascertaining that the authorities were giving way to every demand, increased their pressure in order to secure immediately their desired objectives.

GUARDS OVERPOWERED.

The Chinese obtained an assent of the British to the withdrawal of the naval detachments, on the strength of the guarantee that troops would be placed around the Concession, in order to prevent the crowds from entering.

The Nationalist guards, however, were overpowered by the mob, which rushed into the Concessions. It has been followed by pickets in uniform, who proceeded to take up various positions. It is understood that the Nationalists' assistance was confined to clearing the anti-British mobs from the treets.

After a short interval the municipal buildings were taken over, and the Nationalist flag raised; and soon all official buildings, except the Consulate, were flying the Nationalist flag, and the control of the Concession passed from British hands.

POLICE STATION ATTACKED.

On Wednesday the situation was very acute until a heavy rainfall at 4 p.m. cleared the streets, stopped the processions, and made traffic possible.

In the morning the mob began to attack the police station, which they smashed up. Two Chinese municipal employés were dragged out and badly beaten.

The appearance of additional men in uniform prevented a great disaster. The mob, finding that the municipal treasurer's office was sealed, began to storm various buildings, among them the golf club and the Union Jack Club, which later was used as the headquarters of the Labour Union. The whole Concession was plastered with anti-British posters, every business house bearing a placard, which described the British as the cruellest people on earth.

BANKS CLOSED.

Yesterday I was stopped by a mob, and my motor car was damaged. This morning a proclamation was issued by the Nationalists forbidding attacks on British and other foreign nationals. Banks and business houses being closed and closely picketed, it is impossible for residents to obtain money, and foreign banknotes are unusable.

Early this morning the Kutwo and another steamer left Kiukiang with refugees for Shanghai. It is believed that these include residents from Kuling, near Kukiang.

American women and children at Hankow have been advised by their Consul to take refuge on board the steamer Kutwo, which has been placed at their disposal.

AMERICANS LEAVE.

COMMISSION OF FIVE FOR BRITISH CONCESSION.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
Thursday Night (Received Friday Night).

Following the evacuation early this morning of more than a hundred British nationals, chiefly women and children, 55 American women and children and 12 British men were evacuated to-night from Hankow to Shanghai.

All American men are remaining, and the remainder of the British men are concentrated in the Asiatic Petroleum building.

The British authorities are evacuating their nationals at Ichang, while the American authorities are evacuating all nationals in the Szechuan province.

The British authorities are ready to evacuate Kiukiang, where the Concession is said to be about to be taken by the Nationalists.

The French are alarmed over a false report that their Concession will be the next to be occupied.

The British evacuation at Hankow is due to the orders of Admiral Cameron, who is receiving additional forces with the concentration of the heavier ships at Shanghai.

The Americans are adding four destroyers.

The Cantonese announce that the British Concession will be governed by a commission of five, chosen, respectively, from the Finance, For ign, War, and Communications Ministries, and from the Nationalist Party. A similar rule is proposed for Kiukiang.

Great doubt exists here whether the Cantonese will be able to control the mob, although, so far, the disorders are not serious. The Cantonese continue to assert that the British authorities are playing into the hands of Peking, and this is aggravating the situation at Hankow.

A BLOW TO BRITISH PRESTIGE.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
PEKING, Friday.

While members of the Legations maintain their usual reticence non-official British residents in Peking express much amazement at the apparent complacency of officials and the public in Great Britain regarding the situation in Hankow.

The fact that hundreds of British Nationals, peacefully residing and carrying on their lawful business in the country, should have been subjected to insults and indignities and hounded from their homes, abandoning practically everything in face of lawless mobs, is considered a very serious blow to British prestige throughout Asia.

Ex-residents of India, particularly, emphasise the grave effect that feebleness in face of violence is likely to have in India.

Resentment is also expressed in some quarters regarding the official assurances that the British forces in China are sufficient to preserve life and property, whereas when the critical moment arrived in Hankow the forces were utterly inadequate effectively to resist aggression, and hence many lives were gravely jeopardised.

CONSTERNATION IN SHANGHAI.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
SHANGHAI, Friday.

The news of the taking over of the British Concession at Hankow by the Chinese soldiery has been received here with consternation, as it was always under-

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EXPLOSION IN A TUNNEL.

SIX MEN TRAPPED.

FOUR GIVEN UP AS LOST.

An explosion occurred yesterday afternoon in a tunnel at Deptford dry dock, in which six men were working in compressed air. Two of them who were found to be injured were got out immediately, but there was no possibility of reaching the others owing to the inrush of water from the Thames, and they have been given up as lost.

The explosion occurred shortly before four o'clock, being followed by a loud report. People on running to the spot found that the shaft of the cable tunnel, which is under construction at the extension of the London Electric Supply Corporation Power Station, had been forced up several feet above the ground, and had then collapsed on its side. The top deck of the shaft, which was made of wood, was shattered.

OFFICIAL'S DESCRIPTION.

An official in charge of the party at work on the tunnel, describing the accident, said: "At about four o'clock my attention was drawn to the sound of an explosion. I heard cries of alarm coming from the direction of the land shaft, which I saw had been forced up six feet above its normal level, and was reclining on its side. The top deck of the shaft, which was made of wood, was shattered. I at once took steps to run a rescue party down by means of ladders, and they succeeded in locating two of the six men at the bottom of the shaft. Both were injured. The four others could not be found because of the inrush of water from the river, which flooded the tunnel to a depth of about fifteen feet.

"The water is normally forced back by air compressors, three of which were used as a stand-by. I am convinced that the accident, whatever its cause, was not due to any defect in the compressed air system."

MINER'S STORY.

A miner who was working in a trench fifty yards from the shaft-head, describing the rescue efforts, said:—"We hurried and brought a number of ladders as fast as we could to the shaft-head and put them down. Electric lights were also lowered, and some of the lads went down to save their mates. About forty feet down two of the tunnelers were found badly injured. We managed to take them up by means of the ladders, and then sent them to hospital.

"More of our men went down to search for the other four, but when they got below thirty feet they found that the shaft was full of water. The tunnel below was also full of water and they could do nothing. The Fire Brigade was sent for, but the water was still rising in the shaft, and we could do nothing for the time being."

ALL HOPE ABANDONED.

The names and addresses of the imprisoned men were given at a late hour last night as follows:—Reginald Vickers Halley, of Balham; Frederick Preddy, Aberkenfig, Wales; Arthur Poulton, and Arthur Thomas, both of Tooting.

The men were sinking a shaft preparatory to tunnelling to the high-water mark to supply water for the cooling of turbines in the new generating station.

Every hope of the recovery of the bodies for some days was abandoned late last night, and pumping ceased when the difficulties of the work were actually realised. Efforts however, to open the shaft were continued by two dozen men digging by the light of flares.

OFFICIAL EXPLANATION.

An official explanation of the explosion, issued late last night, states that a shaft was being sunk in compressed air when there was a blow or entry of a burst of water into the shaft, and the four men down below were trapped and are believed to be dead. They were buried in mud and water. The tunnel was to have communicated with the river, and water was to have been drawn through the shaft for the power station.

Late last night workers at the shaft-head found that the level of the water was gradually rising. Arrangements were then made to requisition divers to go down to pursue the efforts to recover the bodies of the four men.

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stood by British residents that the home Government intended to defend the lives and property of British nationals in the Concessions.

A repetition at Shanghai of the happenings at Hankow is no longer considered as beyond the bounds of possibility.

It is believed by British unofficial residents here that the situation which confronted the British authorities in Hankow on January 4, when a Chinese ultimatum was presented, would never have arisen had the Nationalist Government been convinced that the Concession would be defended.

The knowledge that the defences were weak, and that shooting by the British was improbable, is believed to have encouraged the extremists to make a bid for the control of the Concession, with the aid of a carefully worked-up mob.

The uppermost feeling of British residents here is a profound lack of confidence. They are depressed and discouraged by what has happened at Hankow and by its implications.

Full accounts of the triumphant bearing of the Chinese mob, as well as intense anti-British propaganda, appear in the Chinese newspapers published here.

It is no exaggeration to say that the situation of the British in China has never before been so difficult.

CHINESE VISIT TO MOSCOW.

DISCUSSING MILITARY QUESTIONS.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.
RIGA, Friday.

It has now become known that a special delegation, consisting of twenty-two representatives of the Chinese revolutionary armies, have been in Moscow some considerable time, and have taken part in the joint sittings of the Soviet officials and delegates of the Communist International, at which technical military questions and propaganda have been discussed.

It is explained that they have come to Moscow in order to study the Soviet organisations and establishments. They are, it is stated, particularly interested in the peasant questions and in the methods of educating the peasantry to play an important part in the Chinese revolutionary movement.

POLICEMAN SHOT.

DESPERADO IN MOTOR CAR.

Police Constable Dainty, of Newark, was severely wounded in an encounter with an armed motorist on a lonely road last night.

A young woman complained to Dainty that she had been stopped by the motorist. Overtaking the man on the road Dainty called upon him to stop, and when he refused to do so jumped on to the footboard of the car.

A struggle took place, and the motorist fired four shots from a revolver. Dainty was hit in the neck, both thighs and right side, and collapsed on the road. Later, however, he was able to crawl to a public-house and raise the alarm.

Dainty is in hospital and his condition is critical.

Police all over the Midlands have been warned by telephone to keep a look-out for Constable Dainty's assailant. The car was a Morris-Cowley four-seater, and is believed to have had its wings damaged. The driver is described as a man of about thirty years of age, 5 feet 10 inches in height.

£104,000 GIFT TO HOSPITAL.

MOTOR MANUFACTURER'S GENEROSITY.

A gift of £104,000 has been made to St. Thomas's Hospital, London, by Mr. W. R. Morris, the motor manufacturer, in response to an appeal made to him by Mr. George Roberts, a governor, who is also contributing a very substantial sum.

£35,000 FOR MUSEUM.

Lord Kenyon, the President of the Welsh National Museum of Cardiff, has received an intimation from Lord Buckland that he intends to contribute £35,000 to the building fund of the institution, which is at present incomplete. The contribution will be spread over seven years.

ACCIDENT TO PRINCE OF WALES.

THROWN IN HUNTING FIELD.

The *Daily Express* Correspondent at Melton Mowbray says:—The Prince of Wales, Violet Duchess of Westminster, Captain Greenall, the eldest son of Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart., and Captain Hornby, of Grantham, all met with mishaps while hunting with the Quorn on Friday.

The Prince's horse stumbled in taking off at a difficult fence and fell. The Prince jumped clear, but in doing so he badly sprained his left wrist, and his wrist watch was smashed to atoms.

The horse galloped away and was eventually captured by another follower. The Prince pluckily remounted and completed the day's sport.

LICENCE SUSPENDED FOR LIFE.

EXEMPLARY PUNISHMENT FOR ROAD HOG.

When James Braywood, the driver of a motor lorry, was convicted at Long Ashton, Somerset, yesterday, for reckless driving, the magistrate said that in the public interest it was necessary to impose exemplary punishment. Braywood would be fined £10 and his licence would be suspended for life.

A witness said that Braywood drove past him "like a flash," and collided with a motor cyclist. He was on the wrong side of the road. Braywood pleaded that he pulled across the road in order to avoid some horses.

MOTOR CAR ROBBERS.

FACTORY WAGES CARRIED OFF.

A daring robbery was carried out yesterday afternoon at Old Ford, in East London, by motor bandits, who attacked men employed by the Britannia Folding Box Works, stole the wages belonging to the firm's employés, and got clear away in a waiting motor car.

Members of the staff were returning to the works in a car with the wages, and when one man jumped down to open the factory gates to let the car through one of the thieves stepped from concealment, and struck him on the head with what is believed to be a tyre lever. Accomplices attacked the two men inside the car and grabbed the bag containing the wages. The entire party then drove away in a waiting motor car.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

TWO NEW OUTBREAKS.

The Ministry of Agriculture in London states that the existence of foot-and-mouth disease at Neasden, Middlesex, and also at Rushton, near Kettering, Northamptonshire, was confirmed yesterday.

The usual restrictions have been applied to areas of fifteen miles radius round the infected premises.

These are the first outbreaks confirmed during the current year.

SEARCH FOR MISSING NEWBRIDGE MAN.

FISHING ROD FOUND ON RIVER BANK.

Last Wednesday it was reported to the Civic Guards Barracks, Newbridge, that Mr. Isaac Nolan, of Canning place, a well-known resident, who had been fishing during the evening at the Liffey, was missing. A number of people and Civic Guards procured boats and lights, and dragged the river at a point where a hat, said to be the property of Mr. Nolan, was found. The dragging of the river having been continued for some three hours over a large distance, it was decided that further search should be postponed until daylight. Last Thursday morning the Guards and people resumed the search, without result. Yesterday Mr. Nolan's fishing-rod was found on the river bank.

13,862.

NEW FREE STATE QUOTA TO U.S.

REDUCED BY MORE THAN HALF.

GREAT BRITAIN 73,000 INSTEAD OF 34,000.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
WASHINGTON, Friday.

President Coolidge has sent to the Senate a report compiled by the State and Commerce Departments, showing a reduction of 11,126 in the number of immigrants to be admitted to the United States annually after July 1st next.

The quota for each European country will be fixed in proportion to the foreign born population of the United States in 1890.

There is much shifting of quotas. For instance, the Irish Free State will be allowed 13,862 immigrants yearly, instead of the present 28,567, and Great Britain and Northern Ireland will be allowed 73,039 instead of 34,007.

Every country is allowed a minimum quota of one hundred.

The populations of the United States whose countrymen are likely to have their quotas reduced have been protesting vehemently against the provisions of the new law, which fixes the total number of alien immigrants from all countries at 150,000. This law apparently cannot become effective without Presidential proclamation on April 1st, and a bill is at present before Congress to repeal it and continue indefinitely the present quotas. What the fate of the bill will be no one can now tell.

In May of 1924 the present immigration law was passed. It fixed the quotas from the countries for three years, and set up a committee of specialists to apportion quotas for future years on the basis of "national origin" of the residents in the United States in 1920, the new quotas to take effect on July 1st next. The new law is an attempt to determine quotas of immigrants in the proportion to which each foreign country has contributed to the population of the United States from the beginning of the country's history.

ORIGIN BY BLOOD.

The quotas fixed by the Committee on this basis can, of course, be only approximately correct; but it will readily be seen that the early settlers in the United States, who were chiefly English and Scotch, will have a far greater number of descendants by blood than the Germans, Irish and other peoples who came much later. It is on the "origin by blood" principle that the quotas of the 150,000 emigrants will be fixed, and it is estimated that of the 1920 population of the United States nearly fifty-two million were of stock originating in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

SOME FIGURES.

British and Northern Irish blood predominate by a slight margin in the present-day population of the United States, according to statistics prepared for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. This estimate is made on the basis of the 1920 Census figures. The following figures are given:—

Ancestry	Total.
British and Northern Ireland	51,747,880
Irish Free State	5,063,680
Canadian	3,947,053
Australian	33,251
New Zealand and Pacific Isles	9,714
Total	60,801,388
German	12,713,374
French	1,082,399
Austrian	1,316,093
Italian	3,472,487
Dutch	1,678,463
Swedish	1,367,352
Norwegian	1,250,695
Russian	2,434,689
Polish	2,789,041

The total population was 105,710,620 in 1920.

SOUTH AFRICA AND INDEPENDENCE.

NATIONAL PARTY'S NEW PROPOSAL.

PRETORIA, Friday.

In a leading article on the subject of the amendment of Article 4 of the National Party's Constitution, which has always been regarded as implying secession as an article of the Nationalists' political faith, the newspaper *Ons Vaderland* says that it appears that there is a general consensus of opinion among the leaders of the party in favour of amending it, in reply to General Smuts's declaration that such amendment would be the acid test of the sincerity of the Nationalists on the question of secession. The newspaper, therefore, proposes that the following wording should be substituted for the present form of Article 4:—

"The National Party records, with feelings of deep gratitude towards the highest deliberative Assembly of the League of Free British Nations and towards the steadfastness of the members of the National Party, its recognition of the declaration of South Africa's entire freedom and sovereign independence, and binds itself as a party to maintain this complete freedom and sovereign independence faithfully and with every means at its disposal, both constitutional and otherwise."

The newspaper says:—

"This ought to satisfy the most exacting among those who have always regarded Article 4, in spite of its language, as having secession as its objective. But, in order further to meet our friends of the South African Party, we propose that the article of political faith which they offered us in 1920 at the Re-union Congress at Bloemfontein in place of Article 4, and which they subsequently incorporated in their programme, should be now adopted by the National Party in addition to the above new Clause 4."

The Article in question lays down that any far-reaching change in the form of government in South Africa can abide only on the broad basis of the united will of the people—i.e., the co-operation of all sections of the white population of South Africa.—(Reuter.)

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S HEALTH

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.
CANNES, Friday.

The Duke of Connaught, who is staying at Cannes, is in excellent health. Reports that he is ill are unfounded. As a matter of fact, he is out walking every day. Several members of his household have been ill with influenza recently, but His Royal Highness has entirely escaped.

DAME ELLEN TERRY.

Dame Ellen Terry was very much better last night.

RAILWAY RATES TO BE REVISED.

POSITION OF FOUR BRITISH LINES.

PROVISIONAL APPROVAL OF NEW SCHEDULES.

FOLLOWING the publication of the traffic receipts of the four big English railway systems for 1926, which show a substantial fall on the two preceding years, the Railway Rates Tribunal yesterday issued its provisional approval of the new schedules lodged by the railway companies, subject to certain modifications.

They propose to make orders at a later date. These will embody and give effect to the decisions at which they have arrived, after fully considering all the evidence which has been laid before them by the railway companies, and by about six hundred objectors. A reduction in workmen's fares is the principal alteration affecting passengers.

FALL IN 1926.

The gross earnings of the four big groups combined amount to £160,248,000, compared with £187,902,000 for 1925, thus showing a falling-off of £27,654,000. The gross railway earnings of the individual groups were:—

Company.	GROSS EARNINGS. 1926. £	1925. £	1924. £
Gt. Western	25,965,000	30,620,000	36,408,000
L. M. & S.	65,032,000	76,400,000	86,515,000
L. & N. E.	47,502,000	57,332,000	65,250,000
Southern ...	21,749,000	23,550,000	26,691,000
	160,248,000	187,902,000	214,864,000

The London, Midland and Scottish makes the worst showing, and the Southern the best, when gross receipts alone are considered. These huge decreases in gross receipts, of course, are due to the general strike and to the prolonged coal stoppage.

Before the general strike the four big lines together actually showed an increase in traffic receipts of £1,054,000. The loss due as a direct result of the labour troubles is, therefore, £28,708,000.

DRAFTS ON RESERVES.

Whatever dividends are paid (says a financial correspondent) it is certain that the companies will need to make further heavy drafts on reserves. For 1925, £6,000,000 was withdrawn from these funds, making a total of 12½ millions in three years.

The drafts on reserves made by the respective companies during the years 1923-25 were as follows:—

	1925. £	1924. £	1923. £
Gt. Western ...	900,000	850,000	150,000
L. M. and S....	1,000,000	1,300,000	200,000
L. and N.E....	4,000,000	2,750,000	550,000
Southern	200,000	200,000	250,000

It is estimated that, at the end of 1925, the four big companies had overspent their capital accounts by no less than £47,474,290.

AGAINST INCREASES.

Referring to the proposed increases in freightage rates, Sir William Larke, the director of National Federation of Iron and Steel Manufacturers, said that the suggestion could not come at a more unfortunate time. An advance of six per cent., as was rumoured, would impose on the iron and steel industry alone an additional burden of over £1,000,000 a year. Should this prove to be the case the industry would receive a check.

The Secretary of the National Union of Manufacturers said:—"I certainly think it is a good thing that workmen's tickets should be lowered, but that the Tribunal should add to the problems of the manufacturer is difficult to understand."

TRIBUNAL'S DECISION.

"We propose to make definitive orders at a later date," states the judgment. "They will embody and give effect to the decisions at which we have arrived after fully considering all the evidence which has been laid before us on the part of the railway companies and the several objectors.

"The sum which we have fixed," the tribunal add, as the gross standard revenue for all the companies for all traffic goods and passengers is £195,632,983, allocated as follows:—

L. and N. E. R.	£61,038,766
L., M. and S. R.	£79,457,643
G. W. R.	£31,065,893
S. R.	£23,170,681

For a return of five per cent. these figures of gross standard revenue would have to be increased by the following additional sums:—

L., M. and S.	£213,047
L. and N. E. R.	£94,363
G. W. R.	£149,478
Southern	£249,489

The effective revenues for which the companies estimate are as follows:—

	Goods. £	Passengers. £
L. and N. E. R. ...	36,545,000	21,764,500
L., M. and S. ...	48,300,000	30,887,000
G. W. R. ...	18,570,000	13,250,000
Southern	6,302,000	17,059,800

Contrasting these with the respective standards, they obtained the following results:—

L. and N. E. R.	£2,729,266 (below).
L., M. and S.	£370,643 (below).
G. W. R.	£145,893 (below).
Southern	£191,119 (above).

"In every case but the Southern, the effective revenue is shown to be below the standard," continues the judgment, "and, in the case of the Southern, the same result will ensue when the necessary modification of the figures for further capital are added.

"The above effective revenues are, however, only obtained by giving credit to the companies for making certain allowances from their full charging powers in the case of goods, which allowances, the companies have assured us, will be necessary in practice if they are to retain certain traffics."

With regard to "depressed class rates," the Tribunal express the opinion that the present system by which railway companies grant concessions to traders is an eminently sensible one. It is a matter, however, which the Tribunal cannot deal with on the fixing of standard charges. They have no power to fix "commodity" standard rates, but only class standard rates.

U.S. NAVAL BILL.

DECISION AGAINST NEW CRUISER PROGRAMME.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
WASHINGTON, Friday.

The House of Representatives to-day rejected the amendment to the Naval Bill providing for the construction of three new cruisers.

The amendment, which was rejected by 135 to 137, provided for 450,000 dollars to enable a start to be made on the construction of the three new cruisers proposed.

LATE NEWS.

THE LESSON OF HANKOW.

FACING THE ISSUE.

The Times, in a leading article, upon the present disturbances in China, remarks:—A few days ago the Labour Party in this country issued a manifesto on the situation in China—partly, so it may be gathered, in order to counter-balance the propaganda that is now being carried on by Left Wing groups on plainly Communist lines. This manifesto argues, among other things, that the British Government should maintain strict neutrality as between the forces now contending in Chinese territory; but it is precisely this excellent principle that has for many years been scrupulously observed by successive British Governments. The rumours persistently spread by our enemies that any other course has been followed at any time are simply false. Incidentally the need for observing strict neutrality is one effective argument against the demand of the Kuomintung and their supporters, that their Government should immediately be recognised as the National Government of China. To do so at this stage would merely provoke a movement for the division of China into spheres of influence; and when the Labour Party plead for the withdrawal of British warships from Chinese territorial waters "upon an agreement as to the security of the lives of British residents," they urge a policy that, in present circumstances, it would be simply madness to adopt. This week's events provide a sharp lesson on that very point.

The real complaint against the Government now is, not that it protects its nationals, but that it does not protect them effectively, and by lack of adequate preparation has drifted into the present humiliating position at Hankow. The seizure of the British Concession by force is, internationally, an utterly illegal act. It is obviously incumbent upon the Government to prevent by every available means the repetition of such proceedings elsewhere, and more particularly to provide for an effective defence of the great British Concession in Shanghai against a Nationalist invasion of the kind of which we now have painful experience in Hankow. It must be recognised that this is an urgent British duty. We are singled out as the object of attack. The other Concessions are left alone for the present. It is, indeed, a British duty to take all possible measures to meet a concentrated attack on British interests, associating other Powers with us as far as may be, clearly recognising that the other Powers whose interests are not immediately and directly attacked may not be disposed at once to rally in defence of a common interest.

British willingness to enter upon negotiations with an authoritative Chinese Government for the revision of all the Treaties has already been made abundantly clear. This is not the moment to consider what Mr. Macdonald is pleased to call "our burden of sins," or to assist our diligent enemies by wondering sentimentally whether, and when, we may have been in the wrong. At the present crisis we are not in the least in the wrong. We are absolutely in the right, and we are being shrewdly attacked by an enemy who has become adept in the study of all our weak points. In these circumstances—when it is daily becoming more obvious that the Bolshevists are exploiting the incoherence of China, in order to pursue their unending war against Great Britain—it is the task of British diplomacy to force upon the Cantonese Government at Hankow the issue, whether they are acting in purely Chinese national interests or with some other object. If they are working for the national interests of China, there are still ways of dealing with them, since no one has displayed a more conciliatory attitude to genuine Chinese nationalism than the British—who at one critical moment rescued Sun Yat Sen from his Manchu persecutors. If, on the other hand, the professed Chinese Nationalists are now merely puppets in a world revolution directed primarily against the power and prosperity of Great Britain, then this is another story, and the larger issue must be squarely faced.

THE ROYAL TOUR.

MESSAGE FROM DUKE OF YORK.

FROM THE SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT OF "THE TIMES."
H.M.S. RENOWN, Friday.

The Duke and Duchess of York authorise me to say that they were deeply touched by the warmth and spontaneity of the farewells with which they were speeded on their journey, both in London and at Portsmouth, as well as during the railway journey, and that they regard these demonstrations of friendship as the happiest of auguries for the success of the tour, to which they are looking forward with the most pleasurable anticipation.

The sea was perfectly smooth for the beginning of the voyage, and the Duke and Duchess were soon thoroughly at home in their new quarters. They have received scores of wireless messages from every part of England, including many from coastal towns, which were dispatched as the Renown was passing.

For the first night Their Royal Highnesses had lumpy white-crested seas, in which the Renown tossed unpleasantly. The Bay of Biscay more than lived up to its reputation, heavy waves breaking over the bows, damaging a boat and covering the bridge with sheets of spray. The Duke and Duchess, however, suffered no inconvenience, and the Duke was early on deck this morning walking, the exercise which is his favourite means of keeping fit when voyaging.

Lord Cavan is progressing favourably, and hopes shortly to leave his cabin.

THANKS TO ADMIRALTY.

The following message was received at the Admiralty yesterday from the Duke of York on H.M.S. Renown by the First Lord of the Admiralty:—

"Please accept and convey to all concerned the grateful thanks of the Duchess and myself for all the trouble you have taken to make us comfortable during our tour.—Albert."

To this the following reply was sent by the First Lord:—"I thank Your Royal Highnesses on behalf of the Board of Admiralty and the Royal Navy for your gracious message, and take the occasion to renew the best wishes of us all for a successful and prosperous voyage."

NORWAY TO ABOLISH PROHIBITION.

EXPECTED INCREASE IN REVENUE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
OSLO, Friday.

The Norwegian Cabinet will propose the complete abolition of prohibition to Parliament, which assembles next week. The Budget for the ensuing fiscal year will be another important item with which the Storthing will be confronted. It will show great reductions, Government departments reducing their expenditure as much as possible in order to prepare for tax reductions.

It is expected that the Cabinet will introduce a bill abolishing prohibition completely, which, it is anticipated, will result in an increase to the State revenue of twenty million kroner. The expected proposal by the Cabinet indicates that the general opinion throughout Norway seems to be that the country is tired of its prohibition experiments.

Norway has from time to time modified its original prohibition ordinance, making it more and more liberal. The anticipated action by the Cabinet in officially proposing that the nation rid itself entirely of the law prohibiting liquor is considered the death-knell of all liquor bans in the Northern country.

TELEPHONING TO AMERICA.

WIRELESS SERVICE OPENED.

MANY CONVERSATIONS YESTERDAY.

The wireless telephone service between London and New York was inaugurated yesterday. The first conversation was between Mr. Walter S. Gifford, President of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, and Sir Evelyn Murray, Secretary of the General Post Office, London.

Many conversations between business men took place during the day, and nobody had any difficulty in hearing. Towards sunset, however, owing to bad atmospheric conditions reception deteriorated, and it was found impossible to complete all the calls that had been booked.

Although the service has been established, much remains to be done before it is as efficient as the ordinary telephone system. There is, for instance, the difficulty of preventing persons from listening in. A Reuter message from Johannesburg states that yesterday's conversations were heard distinctly by a local wireless operator.

FIRST CONVERSATION.

The following are extracts from the remarks which Mr. Gifford made to Sir Evelyn Murray:—

"Over three thousand miles of ocean individuals in New York and London may, by telephone, exchange views and transact business instantly as though they were face to face. I know that it is your aim, as it is ours, to extend this service so that in the near future anyone in either of our countries may talk to anyone in the other.

"No one can foresee the ultimate significance of this last achievement of science and organisation. It will certainly facilitate business. It will be a social convenience and comfort, and through the closer bond which it establishes it will promote better understanding and strengthen the ties of friendship."

A MILESTONE.

Sir Evelyn Murray, in his reply, said:—

"The opening of a public telephone service across the Atlantic between London and New York is a conspicuous milestone on the road of telephone progress, and marks the beginning of a new epoch in the development of communication between our two countries.

"Personal conversation between Great Britain and the United States has emerged from the stage of experiment into a practical reality, and we are confident that the service which we are inaugurating to-day will be a boon to both nations, whether as an aid to commerce or as a medium of social and domestic intercourse, and will tend to strengthen the bonds which unite the two communities.

"We recognise, as we believe you recognise, that there are difficulties still to be overcome before the trans-Atlantic service can attain the standard of regularity and reliability at which we aim, but we are convinced that there is no better means of solving these difficulties than by putting the service to the crucial test of daily use, and we have your hope that before long trans-Atlantic conversation will be available not only to the citizens of London and New York, but to every telephone subscriber in both countries.

"THE TIMES" FIRST.

After Sir Evelyn Murray had spoken a call came through to *The Times*. The occasion was seized by *The Times* to make a test of the practical use of the service, not only by the interchange of complimentary messages to mark so notable an event, but by the use of the service for the reception of actual news messages. The results were extremely satisfactory.

Two conversations were held between Printing House square and New York. In the first case messages were exchanged between the Editor of *The Times* and Mr. Adolph S. Ochs, the proprietor of the *New York Times*. In the second instance, which was much the more severe test, the call, which was strictly limited to six minutes, was used for the dictation of two messages, 545 words in length, which were received without difficulty and are reproduced below.

WHAT MR. OCHS SAID.

The first conversation took place at approximately 1.50 p.m., when an ordinary ringing of the telephone bell heralded an incoming call from Mr. Ochs. Mr. Ochs' voice was loud and distinct, and after expressing his pleasure at being in direct verbal communication across 3,000 miles of space, he gave the following message for the Editor of *The Times*:—

"It is thrilling to greet you in this manner. Salutations to you and your associates on *The Times*. I wish you all a happy and prosperous new year, and ever increasing service to the public. Who now has the temerity to say that prayers are not heard in Heaven? Let me give you this pleasant bit of information as a first message by telephone.

"There is an ever-increasing sentiment throughout the United States which is becoming more and more articulate in favour of a reconsideration of the foreign inter-allied debts after the French ratify their agreement, to the end that they may be adjusted on a higher moral and poli-

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ical basis for peace and good-will throughout the world.

"Yesterday I witnessed the exhibition of a new invention at the Fox Studio in this city. It is called a 'Movietone,' whereby sound is synchronised with motion pictures, verifying what Dr. Alexander Graham Bell said about twenty years ago on the occasion when I gave a dinner at the *New York Times* Office in honour of Mr. Moberly Bell, then manager of *The Times*, London.

"The inventor of the telephone then said that the day was not long distant when you could see as well as hear a person at a far distant point. I am being photographed as I am talking to you. I shall send you a copy of the picture by wire. Good-bye. Hope to hear often from you."

THE REPLY.

The following reply was sent by the Editor of *The Times* to Mr. Ochs:—"Hearty greetings to yourself and to the whole staff of the *New York Times*. It is right that the first telephonic message sent across the Atlantic from Printing House Square should be addressed to the great newspaper which not only bears the same name but pursues so steadily the same ideal of the close co-operation of the English-speaking nations. A happy new year to you all."

MESSAGE BROADCAST.

One message from the London side was specially broadcast throughout the United States. It was that of Sir Woodman Burbidge, of Harrods, who spoke to Mr. Bamberger, of Bamberger Stores, Newark, New York, wishing him a happy New Year, and adding:—

"We are living in great days. This wireless telephone means a bigger stride towards promoting good-will, good-fellowship, and real understanding between nation and nation than any we have taken in our time. I do not like to prophesy, but it seems to me that long before the wireless telephone has had a chance to grow old-fashioned it will have proved itself one of the most wonderful friends and peace-makers this world has ever known.

"It is a fine thing, too, that England and America should be the first to wish each other well by this astonishing invention.

"I congratulate the United States on her remarkable prosperity, and on the great days so surely ahead of her. Masters and men are learning more and more the art of teamwork here; they are pulling together with a right good-will, and I am sure the new year dawns full of hope and betterment for our wonderful old country."

EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS.

The Overseas Branch of the Midland Bank, Ltd., had two conversations with the International Acceptance Bank of New York, and executed important exchange transactions.

Sir Charles Higham, on behalf of the Indian Tea Growers' Association, spoke to the *New York Times*, thanking the American public for drinking Indian tea.

Sir Arthur Worley, general manager of the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, Ltd., discussed an important matter with the United States manager of the company. Afterwards he stated that the matter had been dealt with quite effectively. "The reception," he said, "was most excellent, and I could recognise the voices of three of my officials in New York quite easily. I could hear every word—in fact, you could hear their passing asides in the room."

Asked if he had cleared up the matter for which the call was booked, Sir Arthur said: "Yes; quite effectively. I do not want to know any more."

He said that so far as he knew he was the first insurance chief to use this method of communication with America.

"AN AMAZING SUCCESS."

NEW YORK, Friday.

The newspapers all hail to-day's achievement in trans-ocean telephony as an amazing success, although it is true that atmospheric disturbances interrupted somewhat with the success of the operations in the earlier hours, and the general opinion is that the service, which has thus been so auspiciously begun, will become a closer link between the two countries as soon as the general public is educated into using it.

Although no official information is available, Reuter's Correspondent understands that the first commercial call made after Mr. Walter S. Gifford had finished speaking with Sir Evelyn Murray was from the editor of a London newspaper to Adolph Ochs, the proprietor of the *New York Times*. Other newspapers arranged similar conversation—for instance, Mr. Ralph Pulitzer, of the *World*, spoke to Mr. Blumenfeld, of the *Daily Express*—while in addition a large number of friendly calls were made between nationals of the two countries.

More than one bank, in a few minutes' conversation, completed important financial deals which ordinarily would have involved a long interchange of letters and cables.

A MESSAGE TO WALES.

The *Western Mail*, Cardiff, last night secured telephonic communication with the *New York World*, and received a message of greetings to the Welsh nation from Mr. D. J. Davis, the Secretary of Labour in the United States.

CRUELTY IN SPORT.

WOMEN TEACHERS ASK FOR NEW LAW.

A resolution urging the passing of law to abolish the inhumane treatment of animals in sport, in public entertainment and in the methods of their slaughter was passed at the Conference of Women Teachers at York yesterday.

Miss Bonwick (London) said that they were told that performing animals were trained by kindness, but it was not so. An animal trainer had said that the only bond of friendship between the animal and the trainer that he knew was a stout stick with iron at the end.

Miss Phipps (London) said that boys in public schools were trained in cruelty to animals in the name of sport. The hunting of the carted stag was also condemned.

TRADE UNION LAW.

BRITISH ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S HINT.

The Attorney-General, at Frome last night, referred to the steps which must be taken this year to remedy the weaknesses in trade union legislation, and said that if it was the opinion, after proposals were laid before the country, that the Government had been careful not unduly to hamper or fetter any organised party, but at the same time had been careful to safeguard individual rights and liberties, he hoped that the Government would have behind it in passing legislation the whole-hearted support of Conservatives and others in the country.

GOVERNMENT SHORTHAND TYPISTS, Pupils of Rossa College, Stephen's Green, successful at the last exam.—Misses O'Neill, Fassbender, Lambe, McHugh.—(Advt.)

U.S. ACTION IN NICARAGUA.

WHY MARINES WERE LANDED.

MEDDLING BY MEXICO: INTERCEPTED MESSAGE.

From "The Times" Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Friday.

A report became current this morning that the stiffening in the attitude of President Coolidge in regard to affairs in Nicaragua can be accounted for by the interception of a message from President Calles, of Mexico, to Dr. Juan Sacasa, who claims to be the Constitutional President of Nicaragua.

Here, it is understood, was proof of the long suspected Mexican meddling with the politics of a central American State. The contents of the message have not been published, of course, but the mere rumour that President Calles and Dr. Sacasa have been in communication seems to be enough.

SENATOR BORAH NOT CONVINCED.

Senator Borah, however, appears to feel that the privilege of influencing the course of politics in Nicaragua, which the United States has for many years enjoyed, can hardly be denied to Mexico, and the less since, as he remarked this morning, "If there is anybody in Nicaragua who is constitutionally entitled to be President it is Dr. Sacasa."

Senator Borah goes on to tell the story of the election of 1924, of the later revolt by General Chamorro and General Diaz, and of the steps leading up to the recognition by the United States Government of General Diaz.

"As a result," he says, "we have recognised those who started the revolution against the legally and constitutionally elected President and Vice-President. General Diaz has not any more right under the Constitution to be President than any other person in Nicaragua whom we might choose."

"General Diaz is President in violation of every provsion of the Constitution, and in violation of the Five Power Treaty in Central America, and is held there by sheer force of arms."

Senator Borah called on President Coolidge this morning, and, as he left the White House remarked that his opinion was unchanged by anything the President had told him.

MARINES CHEERED.

160 U.S. sailors and marines from the cruiser Galveston arrived at Managua yesterday. Led by a native band playing "The Star Spangled Banner," and the Nicaraguan National Anthem, they marched through the streets and past the United States Legation, while bystanders cheered the United States and cried "Down with Mexico."

The sailors and marines took up quarters in the Campo de Marte, where a detachment of U.S. marines was stationed for thirteen years up to 1925. The arrival of what is called the Legation Guard was made the occasion by the Conservative President, General Diaz, for a statement declaring that the country received the United States forces with profound satisfaction.

"It welcomed," he said, "the measures taken by the United States Government for the protection of American and foreign lives and safeguarding the major national interests of the United States in Nicaragua against the menace of Mexican domination in this country.

RAILWAY DYNAMITED.

Before the arrival of the Marines at Corinto, a small section of the railway permanent way as blown up by dynamite, but it was quickly repaired.

Rear-Admiral Latimer, in command of the United States forces in Nicaragua waters, is reported to have received orders to seize all arms landed in Nicaragua by unauthorised persons.

BAN ON TROTSKY'S BOOK.

COMMUNIST PARTY ORDER.

From Our Own Correspondent.

RIGA, Friday.

Former Commissar Trotsky's latest book, entitled "Attempt to change the Communist Dictatorship," is not to be published by the Soviet Printing Department, according to an order of the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party. In this order the Committee states that the book has been heavily censured, because of its numerous heresies and attacks upon Comunissar Stallin.

Since the recent conference of the Communist Party in Moscow, Trotsky has been in retirement, and has written an 80,000-word volume in the two months

CLERGYMEN TO BE EXPELLED.

Foreign clergymen who are not citizens of the Soviet Republic will be expelled from Russia, according to the latest order of the Council of People's Commissars, which reports that the activity of foreign missionaries in many districts is nullifying the propaganda of the Communists' Union of Youth, and of the Communist Pioneers, who during the recent holidays have been energetically agitating against religion.

Foreign clergymen, reports the Council, have been organising Sunday Schools, and the Soviet Constitution expressly forbids religious instruction being imparted to children under eighteen years of age.

BRITAIN'S CREDIT.

MR. NORMAN TO VISIT NEW YORK.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Friday.

Mr. Montagu Norman, the Governor of the Bank of England, is planning to visit New York again in the near future, presumably in order to confer with Mr. Benjamin Strong, the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank.

While the Federal Reserve official declines to confirm the report, and claim that in any case no importance need be attached to Mr. Norman's visit, even if it is forthcoming, Wall street considers that it has probably something to do with the three hundred million dollars credit advanced here about two years ago when Great Britain reestablished the gold standard, in view of her present strong position, and the progress made in Great Britain in the past two years.

Some experts consider that an extension of the credit is unnecessary, and, if this line of thought is correct, then it would appear as though the object of Mr. Norman's visit is to close these transactions.

GERMAN WIFE'S DISCOVERY.

"DEAD" HUSBAND'S NEW HOME.

BERLIN, Friday.

Nine years ago Frau Schulz received official information that her husband, Karl, had been killed on the West front, and buried with his comrades.

The dead man's papers and valuables were sent to the sorrowing widow, who two years ago married again, and lived happily with her new husband.

Last week the State Insurance Office informed her that a man named Karl Schulz was living in Brandenburg. She visited the man's house, and to her amazement discovered her "dead" husband living there quite happily with a "wife" and two children.

It appears that Schulz had put his papers in a dead comrade's pocket, and that the latter had been buried as Schulz, who will now have to pay the penalty.—(Reuter.)

LYNCH LAW IN POLAND.

WARSAW, Friday.

Lynch law was executed in the neighbourhood of Warsaw on two horse thieves, who were caught red-handed. The thieves were thrown into a huge fire and burned to death. The police have arrested twenty-eight suspected persons in connection with the affair.—(Reuter.)

SIR SAMUEL HOARE'S FLIGHT.

JODHPUR, Friday.

The Hercules air liner, with Sir Samuel and Lady Maud Hoare on board, has landed safely here. The liner is leaving for Delhi to-morrow.—(Reuter.)

WATCHERS OF THE MILKY WAY.

GERMAN ASTRONOMER'S BIG SCHEME.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
From Our Own Correspondent.

BERLIN, Friday.

Dr. F. S. Archenhold, one of Germany's greatest living astronomers, has sent letters to twenty leading foreign astronomers and prominent amateurs, asking them to join the "army for observing the Milky Way" which he is now organising. Dr. Archenhold already has enrolled three hundred member-watchers in all parts of the world, and he hopes to enrol several thousands more during the next few weeks. He has decided to subject his army of permanent watchers to rigid discipline. Every observer will be called upon to concentrate on observing a section of the Milky Way allotted to him or her, and to report by cable to the commander-in-chief, Dr. Archenhold, at Treptow Observatory, all new stars detected and all unusual aspects noted in the variable stars.

By this remarkable plan Dr. Archenhold hopes to subject the Milky Way to a scrutiny the like of which has not hitherto been attempted.

"We shall soon know all about the Milky Way," Dr. Archenhold told me to-day. "I have instructed observers to concentrate on this stellar phenomenon because of the frequent appearance there of new stars produced through collisions between dead suns and gaseous matter. Hitherto, owing to lack of co-ordinated effort on the part of astronomers, many stars have appeared in the Milky Way and have vanished without their dimensions having been recorded."

OBITUARY.

MR. EDWARD C. RONAYNE.

Mr. Edward C. Ronayne, Barrister-at-Law, late Justice in Kenya, East Africa, died yesterday at South Abbey, Youghal. Some months ago Mr. Ronayne underwent a serious operation, but within the past few days he was going about as usual. His death has come as a painful shock to his many friends.

The younger son of Dr. Charles Ronayne, of Youghal, and brother of Surgeon-Colonel Louis Ronayne, Mr. Ronayne was educated in Trinity College, Dublin. He graduated with distinction in Dublin University, and was called to the Bar in 1900.

Mr. Ronayne was passionately attached to the sea. During the Great War he volunteered for service, and obtained a commission in the Navy. After the Armistice he was appointed a Justice in Kenya, and on his retirement he took a great interest in the welfare of the Irish fishermen. He became Honorary Secretary of the Irish Fishermen's Association (Youghal Branch), and took an active part in procuring and fitting out boats for its members. Mr. Ronayne was deservedly popular with his colleagues of the Irish Bar.

SIR HARRY DIXEY.

Sir Harry Dixey, who was knighted in 1925 in recognition of his political and public services, has died in his seventy-sixth year at his Malvern residence. Sir Harry was an M.D. of Aberdeen University, was greatly interested in public health, and was a vigorous advocate of open-air schools. He was keenly interested in the Knightwick Sanatorium and in the fight against consumption. Sir Harry was an Alderman of the Worcestershire County Council, had held the office of Sheriff, and for many years he had been Chairman of the Bewdley Unionist Association.

DEATHS OF LONDON ELEPHANTS.

NO STRANGE MALADY.

Reports that three men who had assisted at the *post-mortem* examination on the recently deceased two elephants who died recently at the London "Zoo" had developed a "strange malady" were denied by Mr. Vevers, Superintendent of the Zoological Gardens, in an interview with a Press Association representative yesterday.

"There is no strange malady," said Mr. Vevers. "Both the elephants died of blood-poisoning, and we are naturally keeping an eye on all the men who worked on the carcases, to ensure they have not become infected. Three men have developed a boil each; that is all. As a precautionary measure they have been sent to hospital, where they are being given the appropriate serum."

OLD HOUSEKEEPER'S BODY IN A BROOK.

BOY CHARGED WITH MURDER.

At Cheltenham Police Court yesterday, Wilfred George Reeves was remanded on a charge of murdering Miss Annie Washbourne (70), in the village of Woolstone.

Superintendent Lane stated that when he formally charged the prisoner last Thursday night with the murder, the boy replied:—"I done it."

Inquiries go to show that Reeves was engaged as an indoor farm servant by Mrs. James, of Fairview House, Woolstone, to whom Miss Washbourne had for many years acted as companion and housekeeper. When Miss Washbourne did not return to the house after leaving to feed the poultry, Mrs. James got neighbours to carry out a search. Reeves, it is stated, volunteered to assist them, and found the missing woman's body in a brook, about a quarter of a mile away from the house. There was a severe cut over the left eye, and part of the scalp was hanging over her face.

RUSSIAN TRADE WITH MANCHESTER.

"VERY SATISFACTORY BUSINESS."

Most of the Soviet orders for textile machinery which were placed with Lancashire firms about eighteen months ago are now running out.

"The business has been very satisfactory," said a Manchester merchant yesterday. "The Russians have met their financial obligations promptly, and have been pleased with their purchases."

The chief of the All-Russian Textile Syndicate is now in England. There is no information of any new bulk orders.

THE MOTOR TRADE.

LONDON FACTORY FOR FRENCH FIRM.

The construction of a large motor factory at Acton, London, by Renault, Ltd., the well-known French motor manufacturers, will be completed this summer. It is expected that the factory will be ready for manufacture at the end of August or in September, and the firm will then construct the Renault car for the British market by British labour.

"The factory has been designed for the most modern form of production, and will employ all British labour, except for some French mechanics, who will come over at first, but will return later. About a thousand hands will be employed.

The decision to manufacture in England has been taken by the Renault Company for two reasons: (1) to escape the import duty; (2) to prevent a slump in orders as a result of the campaign in favour of British motor cars.

CLERICAL OFFICERS (Male and Female). Examination expected July, 1927. Last Open Competition, July, 1926—12 Successes. BEST RESULT. Previous exam., Dec., 1925—25 Successes. BEST RESULT. Oral and Correspondence Classes. SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. —(Advt.)

SOME BIG ESTATES.

CANON LEAVES NEARLY £400,000.

The Rev. Canon Edward Pattinson Cole, M.A., of 23 Great George street, Bristol, Hon. Canon of Bristol since 1901, formerly Curate of St. John, Brighton; of St. Paul, Brighton; of Shoreham, Sussex, and of Mid-hurst, Sussex, and Rector of Christ Church with St. Ewen, Bristol, from 1920-1925, who died on October 19th last, aged 81 years, left unsettled property of the gross value of £398,925 10s. 5d., with net personalty £307,171 12s. 5d. Probate of his will, dated April 20th, 1925, with a codicil of April 13th last, has been granted to his sons, the Rev. Marwood Anselm Ranceby Thorold Cole, of 7 Great George street, Bristol, and Major Aubrey du Plat Thorold Cole, O.B.E., M.C., of Avondale, Chesterfield road, Eastbourne. The testator left:—£1,000 to his coachman, Henry Chandler, if still in his service and not under notice, but, in the event of his said coachman having predeceased him, he left this bequest to his wife, Caroline Annie Chandler; £500 to his late wife's maid, Emily Carter, if still in his service and not under notice; £200, similarly, to his chauffeur, W. Venn; £300 each, similarly, to his servants, the Misses Coombes, Morgan, King and Thorne; £50, similarly, to Edward George. To his son Marwood, he left his motor car, etc., and the Advowson of St. Michael, Yeovil and Christ Church with St. Ewen, Bristol. To his son, Aubrey, he left freeholds 21 and 23 Great George street, Bristol, and premises held therewith, and all other his property equally between his said two sons.

WOMAN WRITER'S BEQUESTS.

Miss Annesley Kenealy, of The Hotel Averard, Lancaster Gate, W., formerly of 5 Inverness place, W., London, writer, who died on October 22nd last, sister of the late Alexander Kenealy, journalist, and of Arabella Kenealy, novelist, and daughter of Dr. Edward Vaughan Kenealy, Q.C., M.P. (one of the counsels in the Tichborne case), left estate in her own disposition of the gross value of £12,478 19s. 6d., with net personalty £10,391 16s. 4d. Probate of her will, dated June 8th last, has been granted to the Westminster Bank, Ltd., of Lothbury, London, E.C. The testatrix left 400 Ordinary Shares in the *Daily Mirror* Co., Ltd., and £126 in Ordinary Shares of the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Co., Ltd., to Dr. Robert Lionel Glass, of 106 Inverness terrace, W., "in recognition of his unremitting skill and kindness during my long illness"; £100 Czecho-Slovakian Bond to Miss E. C. Lewis, of the Royal Free Hospital, "in recognition of her surgical skill and kindness to me." To her sister, Henrietta Maria Kenealy, £1,000, her personal effects and jewellery, stating that "practically all such jewellery had been stolen from me by burglars at a London hotel many years ago," and her family relics and household effects stored at Brighton; £20 to Miss Mary Collishe, and the residue of her property to her sister, Henrietta Maria, for life, with remainder as to £1,500 to the Royal Free Hospital for the endowment of a single bed ward for the exclusive use of women writers, to be designated "In Memorial of Elizabeth Kenealy, the Mother of Many Writers," directing that the marble bust of her mother should be placed in a niche in that ward; and the balance to the Royal Literary Fund of Stationers' Hall for providing grants and pensions for necessitous women writers only, and to be called the "Annesley Kenealy Bequest." She directed that her funeral should be simple and "earth to earth," and empowered her executors to spend £10 on flowers for her funeral.

Mr. Wellington Archbold Williams, of Shernfold Park, Frant (Tunbridge Wells), Sussex, formerly underwriter to the Standard Marine Insurance Co., Liverpool, Chairman of the Liverpool Underwriters' Association, 1895-1896, and 1901-1902, and a member of the Committee of Lloyds' Registry of Shipping, died on October 3rd, aged 76 years, leaving a fortune of £181,842 4s. 8d., with net personalty £23,302 6s. 1d. Probate is granted to Mrs. Helena Worsley Williams, the widow, and Gerald Wellington Williams, son, both of Shernford Park, and Frederick Stanley Morris, of 41 North John street, Liverpool. The testator gives £250 each to the Liverpool Royal Infirmary, the Central Hospital, Liscard; the Liverpool Central Relief Society, the Liverpool Merchants' Guild, the Missions to Seamen, Dr. Barnardo's Homes, the Church of England Waifs' and Strays' Society, the Surgical Aid Society (Tunbridge Wells branch), the Friends of the Poor, and Tunbridge Wells General Hospital.

£250 to Patrick Dayan Shiplin.

£100 each to William Vanstone, gardener, and James Joyes, chauffeur.

£50 to Albert Latter, groom.

£50 to Mrs. Soane, widow of his late gardener.

£100 and an annuity of £52 to Martha Hold Broomhall.

£100 to Ethel Groombridge, late housemaid.

£50 to Edwin Vartry.

£200 to Gertrude Sykes, housemaid, and such further sums for servants as the executors may think fit.

£100 to his brother, Thomas Rogers; £1,500 each to his sister-in-law, Estelle Magdalene Williams, and to his nieces, Estelle May Williams, Doris Annie Williams, and Hilda Winifred Williams; £100 to Diana Reynolds, and the residue of the property to his wife for life, and then for his son Gerald.

SIR WILLIAM COBBETT.

Sir William Cobbett, of Woodlands, Fulshaw Park, Wilmslow, Cheshire, solicitor, President of the Manchester Incorporated Law Association in 1891 and 1905, Chairman from 1904 of the Board of Management of the Manchester Royal Infirmary, and twice Under-Sheriff for Staffordshire, who died on November 26th, aged 80 years, has left £56,500 16s. 4d., with net personalty £50,820 15s. 0d. Subject to an annuity of £200 to his daughter-in-law, Caroline Beatrice Cobbett, he leaves all his property in trust for his seven children—Eleanor Gertrude Gardner, Walter Palmer Cobbett, Katherine Fanny Lathbury, Annie Wingrave Hunter, Edith Charlton, Richard and William Oliver.

The executors are Walter Palmer Cobbett, of 49 Spring Gardens, Manchester, and Captain William Oliver Cobbett, of Norcliffe Cottage, Styal, Cheshire, sons, and Col. Charles Finlayson Hunter, D.S.O., of Eccleston Hill, Cheshire, son-in-law.

NEARLY TWO MILLION WAR PENSIONS.

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The Report of the British Minister of Pensions for the year which ended on the 31st of March, 1926, gives figures which reveal a portion of the heavy cost entailed by the Great War.

Death and the re-marriage of widows have reduced the number of beneficiaries. Yet on the 31st of last March there were still no less than 1,794,000 persons in receipt of pensions and allowances. Among them were 25,600 officers, 1,114 nurses, 509,700 men, 154,000 war widows and 563,000 children.

BIG EXPENDITURE.

The Ministry's expenditure for the year was £66,916,268, only £2,631,926 less than that for the previous twelve months.

Details of this heavy cost are:—

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Pensions and gratuities for men, widows and dependents	53,657,457
Pensions and gratuities for officers and their dependents	5,584,592
Treatment and allowances to pensioners undergoing treatment	4,912,249
Salaries, wages and expenses of staffs and committees	2,396,247
Expenses of pensioners attending medical boards or undergoing treatment	195,170
Pensions and gratuities to nurses and their dependents	93,411
Miscellaneous	77,142
Total	£66,916,268

YEARLY DEATH ROLL.

Each item shows a reduction in cost. It is explained that the diminution in expenditure under the heading of "salaries" was due to a reduction in staff, and there was a substantial decrease in the cost of medical boarding.

The staff of the Ministry has been brought down by 4,272, to 11,358.

Fresh applications received during the year numbered 45,558, of which 13,978 were admitted. Even at the end of the year claims were still being made at the rate of 850 a week.

There are yearly about 23,000 deaths, 4,500 re-marriages by widows, and 51,000 children disappearing from the pension list on account of age.

Parents of 80 Lowestoft children refuse to carry out the treatment recommended by the school dentist.

CROSSWORDS FRAUD

DUMMY PRIZE-WINNERS.

"It shows an amazing moral laxity, that people will allow themselves to come forward as 'dummy' winners and defraud the public." These were the words of the Liverpool Recorder, Mr. E. G. Hemmerde, K.C., on the conclusion of a cross-words conspiracy case at the Liverpool Sessions yesterday.

The accused were:—Thomas McDonald (47), property owner; his married daughter, Mona Smith (23); Eric Dobell (26), contractor; and William Edward Lowes (25), clerk; and they were charged with conspiracy to obtain money by false pretences. McDonald and Smith pleaded guilty.

The case for the prosecution was that McDonald promoted a series of cross-words competitions, called "Win Words," and that the other defendants co-operated with him. The competition was prominently advertised in the Liverpool evening papers, and for the third of the series the prize was increased from £30 to £100. The entrance fee was 6d., and over £249 in crossed 6d. postal orders was, during the competition, over a period of six weeks, paid into the bank by McDonald.

Counsel, in his opening address, referred to the bogus winners of this spurious competition, and called witnesses, who stated that they were induced by a small payment—in one case of 10s.—to allow their names and addresses to go forward in the newspapers as the winners, although they never received the prize-money.

In sentencing McDonald to six months imprisonment in the Second Division, the Recorder said that this was a bad and a mean fraud on the public.

Smith and Dobell were bound over, and Lowes, who was found not guilty, was discharged.

A PORTUGUESE LOAN.

£12,000,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS.

Reuter's Agency is informed that General Sinel de Cordes, Portuguese Minister of Finance, who has been in England in connection with the settlement of the Portuguese debt to Great Britain, has postponed his departure in order to arrange a loan of £12,000,000, which is intended for the improvement of the harbour of Lobito Bay, for improvements in communications in Portugal, and for the naval and military requirements of the colonies.

The Minister was greatly impressed by the gracious cordiality of the King, who received him at Buckingham Palace on Thursday. His Majesty expressed his pleasure at the debt settlement, and enquired closely into the progress of affairs in Portugal. The King hoped that the long friendship between Great Britain and Portugal would continue, to which the Minister replied that it was the firm intention of his Government to maintain the old alliance and friendship with Great Britain. He added that the Portuguese Government was about to make affirmation in this sense.

The Minister also referred to the great cordiality extended towards Portugal in a speech delivered by the Chancellor of the Exchequer at a private luncheon given to celebrate the signature of the debt contract, to which speech the Portuguese Ambassador replied.

TYPES OF DELINQUENT CHILDREN.

THE GIRL WHO WISHED SHE WAS A BOY.

Speaking at the Conference of Health Visitors and School Nurses at Bedford College for Women yesterday, Dr. W. A. Potts said that the commonest and most important factor of all when they were considering the causes of delinquency in children was the absence of love.

"The delinquent child," he said, "craves for a love and understanding which is denied him. Another common cause of delinquency is a refusal to grow up, and take responsibility on the part of the child. I refer to the Peter Pan or Mary Rose type.

"Then there are some cases of delinquency which are due to an unsatisfactory aspect towards life. There is the case of the girl who wishes she had been born a boy. If you aim at being a man when you are really a woman that is a very unsatisfactory relationship to life, and can result only in unsatisfactory conduct. The very worst thing to do in such a case is to tell a girl that it is wrong and wicked to wish to be a boy. And you must not discourage her from developing her masculine qualities."

CHAR-A-BANC IN A COLLISION.

FOURTEEN PASSENGERS IN DANGER.

Fourteen char-a-banc passengers had a narrow escape when a Corporation 'bus and a char-a-banc came into collision near Huddersfield on Thursday night. The collision occurred near Victoria Inn, Holmfirth.

The char-a-banc twisted round, and ran into a wall on the off-side of the road. The front part of the vehicle went through the wall, and hung over a 15-foot drop.

The passengers were all able to alight, and nobody was hurt. The char-a-banc was badly damaged, and some damage was done to the 'bus.

FOUND DEAD WITH HEAD IN GAS OVEN.

LONE CEMETERY KEEPER'S FATE

At Mortlake yesterday, the Coroner inquired into the death of Frank Lenan (56), the keeper of Barnes Cemetery, who was found dead in the cemetery lodge with his head in a gas oven.

"He complained of being alone and with no one to speak to," said one witness—his sister; and other evidence showed that he lost his wife just over a year ago, and that last spring a sister committed suicide from Barnes Bridge. He lived alone at the cemetery, and a sister-in-law, who lived in Barnes, sent him his dinner each day.

A verdict of "suicide while of unsound mind" was returned.

NAVAL STEWARD'S DEATH.

CORONER ORDERS FURTHER INQUIRIES.

Remarking that more inquiries must be made as to what happened to the man when he went on leave, Mr. Ingleby Oddie, the Coroner, yesterday adjourned an inquest at Battersea on Charles Smith, aged 31, an officer's steward on H.M.S. Marlborough at Sheerness, whose body was found in the Thames. The body was identified by a heart, tattooed on the left arm.

It was stated in evidence that Smith, whose home was at Ballybeg, Ireland, was last seen alive on a jetty at Sheerness at 4 p.m. on December 10th, when he went ashore on leave. He should have returned at 7 o'clock the next morning, but did not do so.

The medical evidence showed that the body had been in the water for about ten days and that there were no external signs of injury.

£1,000 REWARD.

SEQUEL TO £10,000 JEWEL THEFT AT HARRODS.

To assist in tracing the jewellery to the extent of £10,000 which was stolen from Harrods and the men who were responsible for the burglary, the directors are offering a reward of £1,000.

LADY HOUSTON'S MILLIONS.

UNIQUE COURT ACTION OVER DEATH DUTIES.

It Lady Houston remains of her present frame of mind, there will shortly come before the High Court an action involving death duties to an amount, but rarely equalled in a generation.

Lady Houston, who formerly stated that she did not intend to resist the claim of the British Treasury to death duties on the estate of her late husband, Sir Robert Houston, has now declared that she does not admit the Crown's claim.

£7,000,000 ESTATE.

Sir Robert left estate valued at £7,000,000, and the death duties are said to amount to £3,000,000, the rate of taxation of estates over £2,000,000, under the 1919 Finance Act being 40 per cent. Sir Robert, who left Lady Houston a sum which, it is estimated, even after her recent settlement for £250,000 of the claims of relatives, will be over £5,000,000, died in Jersey, where there are no death duties.

A TEST CASE.

The pending case is naturally regarded by the Treasury as one of the highest importance. It will be a test action of a unique kind in the sense that a ruling will be sought concerning the vexed question of the liability to death duties of British subjects who claim domicile in Jersey, as did Sir Robert Houston.

It is understood that proceedings have been started here, and that a defence has been put in.

QUESTION OF DOMICILE.

The attitude of the Inland Revenue authorities is perfectly clear. A claim has been made for the duties, and if this is resisted legal proceedings follow as a matter of course. In such an event Lady Houston would almost inevitably be called as a witness in connection with the thrashing out of the point at issue—domicile.

Answering a question in the House on the subject in December last, Mr. Churchill said that the matter of the death duties on the Houston estate was being "pursued with all vigour by the Revenue authorities," and would continue to be so pursued.

ANOTHER AIRWAY OPENED.

PERSIAN GULF TO EGYPT.

The first of the regular scheduled flights of the new Empire airway between the Persian Gulf and Egypt was begun at 10 a.m. Greenwich time, yesterday, when the first Westbound air liner left Basra *en route* from Baghdad to Cairo, stated a wireless message received by Imperial Airways.

The machine, one of the five D.H. 66 Bristol Jupiter Empire types built for this new Imperial airway service, was piloted by Captain Warner, who carried one passenger and about 1,000 urgent letters and parcels, the bulk of which were addressed to Britain from India, and which will arrive in London several days earlier than by previous routes.

The mails are brought from India by fast steamer to Basra, where the Imperial Airways liner is due to leave in future every alternate Friday at 1 p.m., local time. Baghdad is reached at 4 p.m., local time, and on Saturday morning the flight is resumed along the desert route to Cairo over which the Vickers-Napier bombers of the Royal Air Force had previously maintained postal services.

The air liner is scheduled to arrive in Cairo in time to connect with the P. and O. mail steamer for London.

TAXIS IN THE AIR.

"ANYWHERE AT ONE-AND-EIGHTPENCE A MILE."

Mr. W. H. Hope, is the managing director of Air Taxis, Limited, which has been formed to carry on business as "letters-out on hire of flying machines to carry passengers and goods by air."

According to Captain Hope, "fares" can be conveyed to anywhere in Europe and Asia at reasonable charges and at a great saving in time compared with road transport.

Captain Hope is himself a skilled pilot, having been three years on cross-Channel aeroplanes—two years with the De Havilland Company and twelve months with the Cairo-Bagdad aerial mail. He was flying all through the war in the R.F.C. and R.A.F. and took part in many air combats.

A 3,000 MILE TRIP.

"Already I have acted quite successfully as 'taxi-man,'" he said. "Recently I took a Birmingham business man over 3,000 miles in five days in a little D.H. Moth two-seater aeroplane. We flew to the borders of Russia, via Holland, Germany, Belgium, France, and back again.

"There was not a hitch in the whole flight. The 'fare' did his business in a number of towns and cities, and when we landed at Birmingham I was duly paid at the rate of 1s. 8d. per mile. There would have been far more fuss and arrangement over a long journey by road in England itself. Using a bigger plane and a faster one our charge would be 2s. a mile.

100 MILES AN HOUR.

"Our company is busy now selecting pilots and awaiting the delivery of more machines. We have already a Moth and a 9 B.D.H., the latter being capable of carrying two passengers and 400lb. of luggage. Soon we shall have the delivery of a new type of De Havilland with a Bristol Jupiter engine. This will be a fast machine with a cruising speed of 100 miles an hour and a high maximum capability. On a long voyage we should aim at 'hops' of 600 miles. Our fleet will expand with requirements.

"People would find our Moth very handy for inter-Britain trips. We consider that there is great scope for the venture we have started. This is the day of safe flying, providing there are trustworthy machines and skilful pilots. We shall supply both."

HOPE LEADS TO PRISON.

MAN OF CULTURE SENTENCED FOR FRAUD.

Stated to be a man of refinement and culture, who had held responsible posts in various parts of the country, Arthur Herbert Mills (57), of no fixed residence, was, at Sheffield yesterday, sentenced to six months' hard labour for obtaining food and money by false pretences. Mills said that he was expecting money from a sister who was married to a wealthy man in a good position, who, strangely, objected to her helping him. He could not divulge her name, as it might break up her home. Several previous convictions were proved.

CHAMPION PEG-MAKER OF ENGLAND.

NEARING HUNDRED AND SECOND BIRTHDAY.

Valentine Smith, a clothes-peg maker, who has lived his life under canvas, and to-day has a tent on some waste land at Tipton, Staffordshire, will soon celebrate his 102nd birthday. He was once the champion peg-maker of England, and he estimated his production of pegs in eighty years at millions. The old man is looked after by his daughter, Georgina, who lives in a caravan close to his tent.

SHIP-REPAIRING INDUSTRY.

There is distinct evidence of a pronounced revival in the ship-repairing industry at Cardiff. All the dry docks are busy, and instead of an army of unemployed there are now only ninety skilled engineers out of work.

Before the war Cardiff held a foremost place in Europe, so far as ship-repairing was concerned, but latterly many contracts have gone to Antwerp, Rotterdam and Hamburg.

ADVICE AS TO SALE.

Before Selling or Buying Pictures, Old Silver, Glass, China, Furniture, Books, Jewellery and Chattels of all kinds, those concerned should obtain the Best Advice as to Values. For qualified Expert Opinion apply to Bennett and Son, Auctioneering and Valuing Consultants, 5 Upper Ormond quay, Dublin. Founded 1803. 'Phone 376.—(Advt.)

U.S. MARKETS.

STOCKS CLOSE STRONG

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Friday.

Stocks opened irregular. Bears temporarily depressed motors; but the easy credit conditions influenced considerable short covering, while good buying support developed, embracing a wide list of shares. The declaration of a 33½ p.c. stock dividend by the Burroughs Adding Machine Company revived the spirits of traders, who were building up hopes of further "melon cutting." Railroads advanced 1 to 3 points on dividend rumours, and Rock Island, which is expected to be placed on a five-dollar annual dividend basis shortly, touched the highest price in its history. Texas Pacific Land Trust Shares, which are to be split up on the basis of 100 new for one old share, touched "record" at 2,090 before reacting to 2,065. A more general rise toward the close provided substantial evidence that a bullish sentiment still prevails; and the market finished with a strong tone. Government Bonds irregular; Railroad Bonds firm. Sales 1,310,000 shares.

Money on call closed easy at 4½ p.c. bid and 4¾ p.c. asked. All business was done at 4½ p.c. Sterling exchange steady. Silver ¼c. lower at 53¼c.

GOLD IMPORTS.

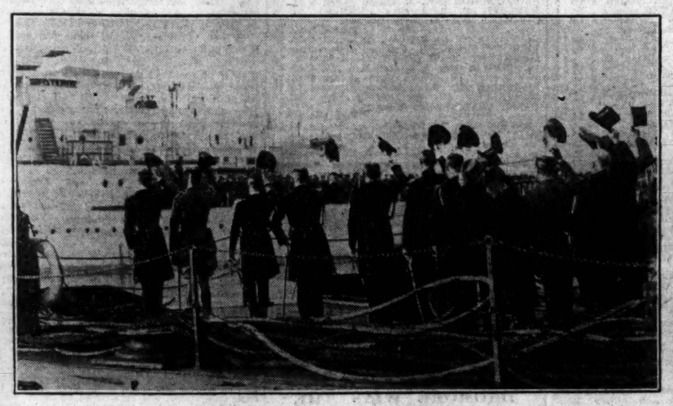
Gold to the value of $3,500,000 has arrived here from Canada.

	Fri.	Thur.
Call Money	4½b. 4¾a	4½b. 4¾a
Exchange on Lon.—60 days sight	4.84⅛	4.83
Do do Demand Bills	4.84⅝	4.84⅛
Cable Transfers	4.85⅜	4.85⅜
Do Montreal	4.86	4.8.. 8
Exchange Paris cable	3.96½	3.95

Eng. Parity.	Stocks.	Fri.	Thur
105⅝	U.S. Funded	102¼	102¼
169	Atchison, Topeka,

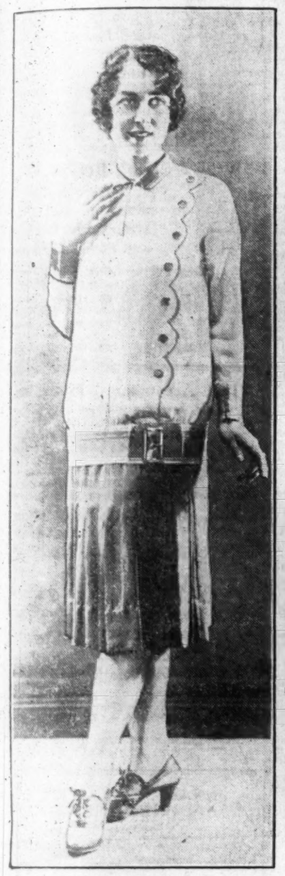
H.M.S. Renown leaving Portsmouth Harbour, with the Duke and Duchess of York on board.

The Duchess of York, with Captain N. A. Sulivan, of the Renown



The Prince of Wales, Prince Henry, and Prince George on the Pier at Portsmouth, waving good-bye to the Duke and Duchess of York.

A sailor on the Renown, with his two children, before the battleship sailed.



LATEST FASHION.—A Tunic Dress, with the upper part made of ivory silk, with flame buttons at intervals, and a narrow collar and pleated skirt of flame silk.

Sir John Lumsden, who has been made a Knight of Justice of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

A Fancy Dress Dance for Children was held in the Rathmines Town Hall yesterday in aid of the Save the Children Fund.

Committee in charge of the Dance held in the Metropole, Dublin, on Thursday evening by the Athletic and Lawn Tennis Club of the National Bank: Sitting (left to right): J. Rowan, J. Collins, Miss K. Barrett, and S. H. McQuitty. Standing: Miss F. Palmer, J. Cooney, B. Maunsell, A. P. Swaine (Secretary), F. Conroy, and Miss K. O'Brien.

Flashlight photograph taken yesterday at the Annual Congress, in Clery's Restaurant, Dublin, of the Irish Guild of Catholic Nurses.

BANKRUPTCY LAWS.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN FREE STATE.

The Ministry for Industry and Commerce in the Irish Free State has decided, as we announced yesterday, to set up a Commission to consider the advisability of amending the law in relation to proceedings in bankruptcy and the winding-up of companies.

The following is a summary of the proposed amendments agreed upon by a special committee, composed of representatives of the Dublin Chamber, the Incorporated Law Society, the Institute of Chartered Accountants, the Incorporated Society of Accountants and Auditors, and the Dublin Mercantile Association, as extracted from the third annual report of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of the Irish Free State:—

That an undischarged bankrupt shall be guilty of a misdemeanour if he either alone or jointly obtains credit to the extent of £10 or upwards from any person without informing that person that he is an undischarged bankrupt, or if he engages in any trade or business under a name other than that under which he was adjudicated bankrupt without disclosing to all persons with whom he has business such name.

That every married woman who carries on a trade or business, whether separately from her husband or not, shall be subject to the bankruptcy laws as if she was *femme sole*.

That the judge in bankruptcy shall have power on the second private sitting on arrangement matters to order that goods delivered to the arranging debtor shortly prior to the filing of the petition (and when, in the opinion of the Court, the arranging debtor must have known he was insolvent) be returned to the party supplying such goods, or be paid for in full.

That an insolvent trader who has not kept or produced proper books of accounts shall be guilty of a misdemeanour if the amount of his unsecured liabilities at the date of the receiving order exceeds £500, unless he can prove that it would be a hardship or against the custom of the trade to enter such details as may be required.

That a deed of arrangement authorised at a meeting of creditors, at which a majority in number and three-fourths in value of all the creditors who have proved, resolve to accept the proposal shall bind all creditors when approved by the Court: subject to the right of any creditor to apply to the Court to set aside the deed on the ground that it was not reasonable.

That a trustee under a deed of arrngement shall be subject to penalty if he acts on a deed void by reason of non-registration or otherwise.

That a trustee under a deed of arrangement shall be subject to the direct control of the creditors or committee of creditors, his accounts shall be subject to their audit, and at the end of each six months he shall furnish each creditor with a statement of accounts and a report of proceedings to date.

That the remuneration of a trustee under a deed of arrangement shall be fixed by the creditors.

That it shall not be legal for any trader to transfer his or her business without giving immediate notice of such transfer in the official "Gazette."

That the State shall not be entitled to rank in priority to unsecured creditors in bankruptcy and arrangement matters, except as provided in the Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy (Ireland) Act, 1889.

Under the existing law in Ireland a bankrupt may go on trading and obtaining goods on credit without disclosing the fact that he has been adjudicated a bankrupt. In England quite recently bankrupt persons who obtained goods on credit, without having disclosed the fact that they were undischarged bankrupts, were sent to prison.

Creditors hold it as a grievance that the Commissioners of Inland Revenue should have power, as at present, to come in and capture all the bankrupt's assets to the prejudice of such creditors.

The New Food Regulations.

The Health Regulations which came into force on New Year's Day, require a standard of purity to which Brown & Polson's Cornflour has always conformed since its introduction 70 years ago.

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RECENT IRISH WILLS.

Mr. John Calvin, J.P., of The Firs, Mahon, Portadown, Co. Armagh, who died on the 19th November last, left personal estate in Great Britain and Northern Ireland valued at £13,519 19s. 1d. Probate of his will, dated 28th November, 1914, has been granted to his son, Joseph William Calvin, of The Firs, Mahon, merchant, and John Irwin, of 4 Cromwell road, Belfast. The testator left £250 a year to his wife; £50 to his servant, William Buckley, if in his service at his death; £250 to his sister, Georgina Calvin; £50 to John Irwin; and, subject to provision for his daughters, Mary Elizabeth, Sarah Florence and Eva Calvin, and his niece, Sarah Esther Wilson, he left the ultimate residue of the property to his son, Joseph William Calvin.

Mr. Robert McDade, of Notley, Adelaide Park, Belfast, linen merchant, of Messrs. Robert McDade, Ltd., Linenhall street, Belfast, who died on the 28th of June last, left personal estate in Great Britain valued at £10,906 5s. 11d. Probate of his will, dated 22nd March, 1926, has been granted to his nephew, Charles, McDade, of The Oaks, Knockdene Park, Belfast, linen merchant; John Murdock, linen merchant, and Mrs. Norah Bland Murdock, both of Norwyn, Myrtlefield Park, Belfast. The testator left his residence and furniture to his niece, Norah Bland Murdock; £100 a year to his faithful housekeeper, Minnie Lindsay; £100 each to Isabella Shivers, Robert Bell, and William H. Skipp; £25 each to William Armstrong and Arthur Stranaghan, and £10 to Rose McCourt, if in the employ of Robert McDade, Limited, at his death; £1,500 to his grand-niece Winifred Murdock, and his grand-nephew, Charles Rutherford Murdock; £100 to his nephew, Charles McDade, for whom he had already made provision; his stock in Robert McDade, Incorporated, of New York, to John Murdock, and the residue of the property to his niece, Norah Bland Murdock.

Mr. John Dickson, of Donegall, Fermanagh, farmer, who died on the 25th December, 1925, left personal estate in Great Britain and Northern Ireland valued at £10,195 6s. 2d. Probate of his will, dated 16th June, 1925, has been granted to Matthew Fearis, of Dinneydoon, and William Cowan, of Drumaraw, farmers. The testator left to his son, James, land at Donegall, stock, crops, etc., there, and the liberty of three days' cutting of turf on the turf bog on lands at Fartagh, and he left to him also Duffy's Farm, Fartagh; to his son, Frederick John, £200 and a farm at Fartagh; and the residue of the property to his son Mervyn George Dickson, and his daughters, Selina, Elizabeth, and Rebecca Gertrude.

RECITALS OF CLASSICAL MUSIC.

After the usual Christmas interval, the Royal Dublin Society's recitals of chamber music will be resumed on Monday next, when Madam Youra Guller, the celebrated Russian pianist, will give an afternoon and an evening recital. Those who heard Madam Young Guller at the Society's concerts last year will remember her superb execution, and the sensitiveness of her shading. The programmes selected for both recitals are very attractive.

AUCTION SALES.

MESSRS. BATTERSBY AND CO.

Messrs. Battersby and Co. will sell next Thursday, at their saleroom—71 Anglesea road, an excellent modern house, in good neighbourhood; 14 Waterloo road, a soundly built house, on tram line, and 28 South Circular road, a compact house; and on the 27th inst. 105 Middle Abbey street, extensive business premises.

MESSRS. HOLDEN.

On next Wednesday, 12th January, Messrs. W. J. Holden and Son will dispose of, by public auction, the compact dwellinghouse, No. 45, also No. 53 Millmount avenue, Drumcondra (separate lots), with possession. The auction will take place in the salerooms, 2 Saint Andrew street, commencing at one o'clock sharp.

PUPPET SHOW IN DUBLIN.

A puppet show is to be held in aid of the Child Welfare of the Women's National Health Association in the Engineers' Hall, 35 Dawson street, Dublin, next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 3.30 p.m. and at 8.30 p.m. The Marchioness MacSwiney, who is conducting the show, will be assisted by Mrs. Drummond, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Randal McDonnell, Mrs. MacLaverty, Mrs. Murphy; the Misses Eva Geoghegan, Una Greene, Kitty MacCormack; Sir Valentine Grace, Mr. Gerald Guise-Brown, Mr. Keegan, and Mr. Robin McDonnell.

The orchestra will be under the direction of Mrs. Larchet, assisted by Miss Muriel Starkie, Miss Sheila Brough, Miss Alice Brough, Mr. Arthur Darley, and Mr. William Reidy. The plays to be produced will be "A Nativity Play" and "Princess Leila's Destiny," the music by the Marchioness MacSwiney and the words by Mr. William Dawson

AUCTION BRIDGE.

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RULES FOR THE COMPETITION.

(1). The correct replies to the questions will be determined by "Palomar," who will give reasons to each.
(2). In each case the reply must be a single definite one. If any condition or limitation is added the reply will be disqualified.
(3). Each competitor may send in one set of answers only.
(4). Replies to be sent to "Palomar," "Irish Times," Ltd., Dublin, and must arrive not later than the first post on next Friday.

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"WHAT WOULD YOU BID?"

"Z" one spade; "A" no bid; what should "Y" declare?

(1).	S♠ J x,	H x x x,	D K x x x,	C x x x x.
(2).	S♠ J x,	H K x x,	D K x x x,	C K x x x.
(3).	S♠ J x,	H x x x,	D K x x x,	C K Q 10 x.
(4).	S♠ Q x,	H x x x,	D A x x x x,	C x x x.
(5).	S♠ Q x,	H x x x,	D A Q 10 x x,	C x x x.
(6).	S♠ Q x,	H x x x x,	D J x x x,	C Q x x.
(7).	S♠ Q x,	H J x x x,	D J 10 x x,	C Q x x.
(8).	S♠ Q x,	H A K J x,	D x x,	C J A K x x x.

"Z" one spade; "A" two diamonds; "Y" two hearts; "B" no bid. What should "Z" now declare?

(9).	S♠ A K Q J.	H x.	D Q x x,	C x K J 10 x x.
(10).	S♠ A K Q x x,	H x.	D A 10 x x,	C J 10 x x.

Result of Competition No. 88.

Two competitors have tied, coming nearest to "Palomar's" rendering, Mr. H. E. O'Dowd, Ayr Villa, Howth, Co. Dublin; and C. C. de Burgh Daly, M.D., Priory Lodge Grove avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. The prize will, therefore, be divided, one guinea going to each.

THE PLAY.

Tricks.	Z.	A.	Y.	B.
1.	Q D.	2 D.	5 D.	K D.*
2.	J D.*	5 D.	8 D.	3 D.
3.	4 D.	10 D.*	3 H.	7 D.
4.	Q Cl.	2 Cl.	3 Cl.	K Cl.*
5.	9 D.	5 Cl.	4 H.	A D.*
6.	7 H.	J 3L.*	8 H.	2 H.
7.	4 Sp.	6 Cl.	8 Cl.	A Cl.*
8.	A Sp.*	2 Sp.	5 Sp.	K Sp.
9.	9 Sp.	7 Sp.	10 Sp.	Q Sp.*
10.	8 Sp.*	7 Cl.	4 Cl.	8 Sp.
11.	J Sp.*	9 Cl.	9 H.	6 Sp.
12.	10 H.	5 H.	10 Cl.	Q H.*
13.	K H.	A H.*	J Cl.	6 H.

RESULT—A and B, 9. Y and Z, 4.

A GAME FIGHT.

When a bridge player wins the game on a hand without even the necessity of taking a finesse and wholly by virtue of holding all the high cards, he can find but little pleasure or enjoyment in his success. The good fun of the game lies in the hard fought battle, where the very last trick must be won against the opponent's best defence; when the enemy fights valiantly and still is overcome by the adversary's perfect play.

Apropos of good play, I would particularly caution the ladies who hold their cards in such a way that they can be seen by their opponents, to heed the admonition of Sarah Battle. I am in doubt whether it was in the Book of Moses or de Mille—that I read the proverb, "As ye show, so shall they peep."

"Z's" opening lead was not bad. At the 2nd trick "B" cannot do better than make up a diamond in dummy. "Z" plays properly in throwing the lead at the 3rd trick with a diamond. At the 6th trick "B" should not lead the queen of hearts, as the king will cover, setting the 10 against him and limiting him to two tricks in that suit.

At trick 7, "Z" is compelled to discard a spade, and his hand is counted without any difficulty. If "Z" refuses to win the king of spades at the next trick, the safest play for "B" would be to lead the 6 of hearts and take the trick in dummy with the ace. "Z" is then forced in the lead with the king of hearts and is compelled to lose a spade trick. "Z" might have held originally 6 spades and two hearts, in which case the king of hearts will drop at the 9th trick, and such a contingency must be allowed for. At the 10th trick "Z" is put in the lead and permitted to make his two spades, but at the end he must lead away from the minor tenace in hearts and cannot save the game.

BROADCASTING TO-DAY.

DUBLIN (2RN)—319.1 Metres.

7.30—Talk. "Celtic Wonder Tales," Shelagh Sharpe. 7.45—Gaedhilge, Seamus Ó Duirinne. 8.0—Studio Salon Orchestra, Light and Gay: Leader, H. Hartry. "The Grand Vizier" (Ancell); Carousel, Motor Ride-galop (Bidford); Sgt. T. Dobson, Cinderella's Bridal Procession" (Dick-son); Cornet, "Joytime" (Howgill); Sgt T. Meredith, Loveland" (Howgill). 8.30—Anne Farnell (London), Piano Solos: "Frühlingsnacht" (Schumann), "Liebestraum" (Liszt). "Prelude in B Major" (Chopin). 8.40—Station Salon Orchestra: Rondo of Tin Soldiers," A Southern Wedding." 8.50—Annie May (London), Piano Solos: "St. Francis Walking on the Waves" (Liszt), "Nocturne in F Sharp" (Chopin). 9.0—The Rev. E. S. Hicks, M.A. (Oxon): Tennyson's Maud (illustrated by Somerville's Song Cycle); T. E. Pearce (singer), 10.0—Fay Sargent and Joan Sterling: Song Sketch: "Charity—but not Charity," introducing "The Tryst" (J. Sibelius), "Keep Hoping," "Come, Then, Pining," "Irish Lullaby," "Mo Mhaire" (arr. Hardebeck), "I Know My Love" (Traditional), "Jest Her Way" (G. Aitken). 10.30-11.0—Fleadh na Soilse: Weather Forecast and close down.

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BELFAST (2BE)—306.1 Metres.

4.0—The Station Orchestra, Harry Dyson (Flute) and Claude De Vilbiss (Piano), E. J. Harris (Saxophone). 5.0—Afternoon Topics: James A. Barlowe, "Spring Trout Fishing." 5.15—Children's Hour. 6.0—The Belfast Radio Quartet. 6.30—S.B. from London. 7.45—Revue. 8.45—S.B. from London. 9.30 — Coleridge-Taylor. The Station Orchestra. 9.42 — H. Chambers (Baritone): Aria with Orchestra, "Hiawatha's Vision" (Hiawatha's Departure). 9.52—Orchestra: Three Characteristic Waltzes, Op. 22, H. Chambers. 10.12—Orchestra. 10.30-12.0—S.B. from London.

LONDON (2LO)—361.4 Metres.

3.0—The Royal Artillery String Band. Linda Seymour (contralto). Ernest J. Potts (baritone). 5.0—Mde. De Walmont: Some Modern French Novels. 5.15—Children's Hour. 6.0—Music. 6.30—Weather Forecast. First General News Bulletin. 6.45—The Savoyards Quartet. 7.0—Mr. J. W. Robertson Scott: "The Month's Reviews." 7.15—The Foundations of Music. 7.25—Sports Talk: Colonel C. Boland Crisp. "Association Football in Lighter Vein." 7.45—Winners and the Wireless Orchestra. 8.45—Mozart. Played by Hilda Tedesch. 9.0—Weather Forecast, Second General News Bulletin. Local Announcements. 9.15—Mr. Cecil Lewis and Mr. L. De G. Sieveking: "Pats in the Belfry." 9.35—Percy Fletcher conducting some of his Music. Olive Sturgess (soprano). The Wireless Orchestra. 10.30-12.0—Dance Music: The Savoy Orpheans and the Savoy Hotel.

DAVENTRY (5XX)—1,600 Metres.

10.30 a.m — Time Signal, Weather Forecast. 3.0—S.B. from London. 9.10—Shipping Forecast. 9.15-12.0—S.B. from London.

BIRMINGHAM (5IT)—491.8 Metres.

3.45—Children's Afternoon Concert, arranged by Mrs. L. Webb. 4.45—Afternoon Topics: Margaret Dangerfield. "Myths and Mysteries" of the Sea." Kate Houlston (soprano). 5.15—The Children's Hour. 6.0—Lozells Picture House Orchestra, conducted by Paul Rimmer. 6.30—S.B. from London. 7.45—The Birmingham Station Orchestra. Beatrice Richmond (soprano). Jessie Cormack (pianoforte) 8.45—S.B. from London. (9.10—Local News). 9.30 — Orchestra: Selection, "Classica" (an arrangement of Standard Favourites (arr. Ewing). Stanley Finchett (tenor). 10.30-12.0—S.B. from London.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—326.1 Metres.

11.15-11.15—Midday Music from Beale's Restaurant, Old Christchurch road, directed by Gilbert Stacey. 3.45—Miss B. E. M. Hunt, Short Story: "The Brass Candlestick." 4.0—Dance Music from King's Hall Rooms. 5.15—The Children's Hour. 6.0—Anne Farnell Watson: A Piano Recital. 6.30—S.B. from London. 7.45—"A Year in an Hour." A Revusical Review, written, composed and produced by Ernest Longstaffe. 8.45—S.B. from London. (9.10—Local News). 9.30—Music and Malcolm Scott. The Station Octet. 9.40—Malcolm Scott, "The Woman Who Knows." 9.50—Octet. 10.0 — Malcolm Scott Again. 10.10—Octet. 10.30-12.0—S.B. from London.

CARDIFF (5WA)—353 Metres.

3.0—Concert for Blind and Disabled Soldiers and Blind Workers, provided by the Marquis and Marchioness of Bute. Relayed from the Celtic Rooms. The Station Orchestra. 3.10—Wynne Ajello (soprano). 3.20—Ronald Gourley (Pianist, Blind Entertainer and Siffleur). 3.20—Orchestra. 3.35—Denis O'Neil (Irish Entertainer). 3.45—Vera McComb Thomas (Pianoforte): Rhapsody No. 9 (Liszt). 3.57—Scovell and Wheldon (entertainers). 4.0—Orchestra: Suite, "Rustic Revels" (Fletcher). 4.10—Wynne Ajello 4.20—Ronald Gourley. 4.30—Orchestra. 4.45 — Afternoon Topics. 5.0—The Dansant. Music by the London Chordeons, relayed from Cox's Cafe, Cardiff. 5.15—The Children's Hour. 6.0—Concert for Blind and Disabled Soldiers and Blind Workers (continued). Denis O'Neil. 6.10—Leonard Bushell (solo violin). 6.20—Scovell and Wheldon. 6.30—S.B. from London. 7.0—Capt. A. S. Burge, "Wales' Chance at Twickenham." 7.15—S.B. from London. 7.45—The Station Orchestra: "Molly on the Shore" (Grainger). 7.50—Wynne Ajello (soprano), 7.58—Ronald Gourley (Pianist, Blind Entertainer and Siffleur). Music and Humour. 8.0—Orchestra. 8.20—Denis O'Neil (Irish entertainer). 8.35—Scovell and Wheldon (entertainers). 8.36—Orchestra. 8.45—S.B. from London. (9.10—Local News). 9.30—Orchestra. 9.35—Wynne Ajello 9.43—Ronald Gourley. 9.51—Orchestra. 10.5—Denis O'Neil. 10.13—Scovell and Wheldon. 10.23—Orchestra. 10.30-12.0—S.B. from London.

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—384.6 Metres.

3.30—Dance Music: The Elysee Five, from the Piccadilly Danse Salon. 5.0—Gladys Morgan (contralto). 5.15—The Children's Hour: Requests. 6.0—Light Music. 6.30—S.B. from London. 7.45—British Composers Series. Lee Thistlethwaite (baritone). The Station Orchestra. 8.45—S.B. from London (9.10, Local News). 9.30—The Amazon Six Dance Band. 10.30-12.0—S.B. from London.

LIVERPOOL (6LV)—297 Metres.

4.0 — Afternoon Topics: David Wray. "The Romance of the Museums." 4.15—Montague's Symphonics, relayed from the Edinburgh Cafe Ballroom. 5.15—The Children's Hour. 6.0—Montague's Symphonics, relayed from the Edinburgh Cafe Ballroom. 6.30-12.0—S.B. from London. (9.10—Local News).

NEWCASTLE (5NO)—312.5 Metres.

11.30—Annie Rankin (pianoforte). 11.40—Minnie Robson (mezzo-soprano). 12.10-12.30—Gramophone Records. 4.0—Miss Agnes Strong, "Diana of the Crossways." 4.15—Music from Coxon's New Gallery Restaurant. 5.15—Children's Hour. 6.0—S.B. from London. 7.25—Mr. John Kenmir: "Soccer." 7.45—Concert. Relayed from the Royal Victoria Infirmary Opening Ceremony of the Wireless Installation, Speech by Lord Armstrong. Stainless Stephen (entertainer). 8.10—Lambert Harvey (tenor). 8.20—Octet. 8.30—Stainless Stephen. 8.40—Octet. 8.45—S.B. from London. 10.30—Dance Music: Tilley's Dance Band, relayed from the Grand Assembly Rooms. 11.15-12.0—S.B. from London.

GLASGOW (5SC)—405.4 Metres.

3.0—Dance Music relayed from the Plaza. 5.0—Afternoon Topics. 5.15—Children's Hour. 5.55—Weather Forecast for Farmers. 6.0—Dance Music. 6.15—Radio Society Talk. 6.30—S.B. from London. 7.25—Walter Arnott: Association Football. 7.45-12.0—From London.

SUNDAY.

DUBLIN (2RN)—319.1 Metres.

8.30-10.30 p.m.—St. James's Brass and Reed Band: March, "Jacob" (V. Turino), Overture, "Les Deux Magots" (G. Bonillon), Selection, "Faust" (Gounod); Elly Murnaghan (soprano) Songs, "In Love" (Gurilel), "Since I Have Loved Thee" (N. Johnson), "Madrigal" (Chamade), "The Little Things That Tell" (C. Cranleigh); the Band: Descriptive Piece, "The Glow Worm" (Paul Lincke), Serenade (a), "O Sole Mio" (Di Capua), (b) Waldteufel's Serenade" (Perry), Valse, "Luna Bella" (Aigrette); Elly Murnaghan (soprano): songs, "Under the Sun and Moon" (Fred Norton) (from "Pinkie and the Fairies"), "If Ever I Marry at All" (T. Dunhill), "To Sing Awhile" (P. Drummond), "Two Marionettes": the Band: Three Dances from Henry VIII. (Ed. German), finale, National Anthem (Heaney). 10.30—Weather Forecast and close down.

BELFAST (2BE)—306.1 Metres.

3.30-6.0—S.B. from London. 7.0-8.30—Religious Service relayed from St. James's Parish Church. Address by the Rev. Canon W. S. Kerr. 8.55-10.45—S.B. from London.

LONDON (2LO)—361.4 Metres.

3.30—Russian Programme. The Wireless Symphony Orchestra, Robert Radford (bass), Setomon (solo pianoforte). 5.30-6.0—"Sister Clare," from the Little Plays of St. Francis, by Laurence Houseman. The play will be given by University College London, Dramatic Society. 8.0—The Bells of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. 8.15—Religious Service. Address by the Rev. Archibald Fleming, D.D. 9.0—Weather Forecast, General News Bulletin. Local Announcements. 9.15—A Short Hymn Recital by the Wireless Choir. 10.45—Epilogue.

DAVENTRY (5XX)—1,600 Metres.

10.30 a.m.—Time Signal, Weather Forecast. 3.30-6.0—S.B. from London. 8.55—Hospital Wireless Funds. 9.0—Weather Forecast, News. 9.10—Shipping Forecast. 9.15—S.B. from London. 10.50-11.0—S.B. from Cardiff.

BIRMINGHAM (5IT)—491.8 Metres.

3.30-6.0—S.B. from London. 8.0—Religious Service, conducted by the Rev. E. Benson Perkins, of the Central Hall; relayed from Ebenezer Church. 8.55-10.45—S.B. from London. (9.10—Local News).

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—384.6 Metres.

3.30-6.0—S.B. from London. 8.0—St. Martin-in-the-Fields (S.B. from London). 8.55—The Week's Good Cause. 9.0-10.45—S.B. from London. (9.10—Local News.)

CARDIFF (5WA)—353 Metres.

3.30-6.0—S.B. from London. 8.15—Religious Service, from the Studio. 8.55-10.45—S.B. from London. (9.10—Local News.) 10.50-11.0—The Silent Fellowship (relayed to Daventry).

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—384.6 Metres.

3.30-6.0—S.B. from London. 8.0—S.B. from London. 8.55—The Week's Good Cause. 9.0-10.45—S.B. from London. (9.10—Local News.)

LIVERPOOL (6LV)—297 Metres.

3.30-6.0—S.B. from London. 8.0—Bells of St. Luke's Church (Bold street), rung by the St. Nicholas Church Bellringers. 8.15—Religious Service, from the Studio. 8.55—Sir John Utting: Appeal on behalf of the Liverpool and Samaritan Hospital for Women. 9.0-10.45—S.B. from London. (9.10—Local News.)

NEWCASTLE (5NO)—312.5 Metres.

3.30-6.0—S.B. from London. 8.0—S.B. from London. 8.55—Week's Good Cause. Appeal on behalf of the Sun-Ray Clinic, Brinkburn street, Byker. 9.0-10.45—S.B. from London.

GLASGOW (5SC)—405.4 Metres.

3.30-6.0—S.B. from London. 6.30—Religious Service, from the Studio, conducted by the Rev. Richard W. Charlesworth, of Partick Wesleyan Methodist Church. 8.55—The Week's Good Cause: Appeal on behalf of the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association, by Sir Matthew Walker Montogmery. 9.0-10.45—S.B. from London.

MODERN PAINTINGS.

MISS M. H. JELLETT'S WORK.

The average man will possibly find it difficult to understand or appreciate the examples of modern paintings and drawings which Miss M. H. Jellett is showing in the gallery at 7 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, to-day. While to most lovers of paintings much of Miss Jellett's work will appear inexplicable, there are many artistic folk in the city who will find in these canvases much to satisfy their modern tastes. In her oil paintings, in from one to six elements, Miss Jellett has evolved very striking creations. Two of her works which have been hung in the Salons of Modern Art in Paris are included in the present collection.

BRIQUETTE FIRE IN DUBLIN.

Yesterday morning a fire broke out among German briquettes in the yard of Messrs. Robinson, coal merchants, Sir John Rogerson's quay, Dublin. The Fire Brigade, after a couple of hours' work, extinguished the fire.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND.

FANCY DRESS DANCE IN RATHMINES.

Nearly 300 were present yesterday afternoon at Rathmines Town Hall for the Irish "Save the Children" Fund dance, which was a very successful function. The hall was decorated, and presented a very brilliant scene when filled with a merry throng of dancers in fancy costumes of every description. Sixty prizes were offered for competition, the judges being Mrs. Gordon Campbell, Mrs. Michael Murphy, Mrs. Maurice Cosgrave, Miss McNie, and Sir Simon Maddock. Solo dances were given at intervals during the afternoon by Miss Pauline Bissett, Miss Mary Walker, and Miss Kiernan. The musical programme was supplied by a band under the direction of Miss Connolly, Dalkey.

Amongst the prize-winners were:—Girls (Seniors): Miss Betty Kettle, as Greater Dublin Commission, won the prize for the most topical costume; Miss M. Wallen, Rose, best carried out costume; Maeve Donovan, "Policloth," best advertisement costume; Ethel O'Reilly, "Chancellor," best topical costume.

Fergus Cogley, Highlander, best carried out costume for boys; Maeve Sherlock, Shepherdess, prettiest costume; Eileen Nugent, Wild Rose; Denise Moser, Bluebird; Elizabeth Curran, Siemen-Schuckert, most original costume; Gavan Halpin, "Bat"; Gertie Donovan, "Ukelele Lady."

Best boy's costume: Stella Butler.

Juniors:—Miss Elizabeth Corrigan, "Danger Signal," best topical costume; Carmel Mulvey, "Granny" best carried out costume; Hildegarde Hildebrand, "Tom Smith's Christmas Crackers," best advertisement costume; Tom Kettle, "Siemen-Schukert Boys," best topical costume; Robert Corrigan, "Knight of the Bath," best carried out costume; Maeve O'Brien, "Page," prettiest costume; Oonagh O'Brien, "Spanish Lady"; Monty Reddin, "Fairy"; Seaward Hildebrand, "Save the Children," most original costume; Ethne Hayes, "Doll"; Leslie Kettle, "No More Strikes."

Juniors:—Best costumes: Mary Butler and Beatrice Butler, "Two Princes"; Connor O'Brien, "The Minstrel Boy." The funniest costume for boy or girl: Freda Butler, "Dismal Desmond."

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THE BEETLE'S SURPRISE.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

GATWICK, Friday Night.

A very promising young steeplechaser in Bokhara, a son of Soulouque, broke his leg this afternoon in the race for the Hookwood Novices' Steeplechase, and had to be destroyed. This is a piece of very bad luck for Major Doyle, who has not many horses in his new stables at Lewes, and this one was easily the best of them. He had won in great style from Great Care at Kempton, and was well expected to do so again here, but he had only gone as far as the second fence when he came down.

Shadow went on, but he fell at the fence before entering the straight, and then Mr. Stratford Dennis, who had been steadily improving his position on Dromore, took him to the front. Kisser headed him for a moment soon after, and they raced side by side to the last fence, which Dromore hit. He had, however, too much speed for Kisser in the run in, and beat him by a length and a half. Herbert's Choice started favourite for this race, but ran badly. He had lost his place before they had gone half way, and thereafter was always toiling in the rear. Either he has taken a dislike to racing or else he is an over-rated horse.

Dromore is a nice young son of Drinmore, who is making his mark as a sire of steeplechasers. Last season when he was a five-year-old Mr. Whitaker did not attempt to do much with him, and he only ran twice, finishing second to Postino at Bournemouth and then to Red Cyder in the Tantivy. Kisser was a good deal fancied by Frank Hartigan's stable, which had just won the previous race, the Moderate Hurdle, with Santoi's son, Toy Bell.

TOY BELL'S VICTORY.

This five-year-old will be remembered as having won the Tattersall Sale Stakes at Doncaster on his first appearance as a two-year-old in September, 1924. He only ran twice over hurdles last season, winning one of his races, and he was not so good a favourite here as either Lordi, Nightingale or Tuscan, whom he was meeting on 8lb. better terms for the beating the latter gave him at Newbury. Duller, who had arrived on the course in an aeroplane, waited with him until he had jumped the last hurdle, and then challenging Razor he beat him by four lengths, Tuscan being a bad third. Lady Nightingale ran only moderately, and Billy Beck destroyed his chance when he hit a hurdle hard.

It is not often that in a steeplechase in which there are only five runners we see a horse refuse to start, but Word of Honour would not leave the post in the race for the Purley Handicap Steeplechase. Scallop was going well in this event when he hit the fence on the turn entering the straight and lost ground. Blaenor was then in front, but he was passed on the flat by the Newbury winner, Lordi, who was carrying a penalty and won by two lengths from Blaenor, with Sacking Glass third six lengths off.

There were two 3 to 1 favourites—White Flag, who is trained by Major H. C. Alexander, and Twinkler—in the Four-Year-Old Hurdle, but both were Beaten by an unconsidered outsider in The Beetle, who started at 20 to 1. No one gave a thought to this son of Theodoric, who had never shown any form and is owned and trained by Harold Bazley, who recently moved from Malton to the Sussex coast. Twinkler had a slight lead at the last hurdle, but he failed to hold off the challenge of The Beetle, who beat him by four lengths. So far as the merits of Twinkler and White Flag were concerned, the public were not far wrong; for the White Flag was only beaten a short head for second place.

The thirteen-year-old Zarane is still a power in selling races, and he beat Duller's mount, Crock Hill, who started favourite, by six lengths in the Horley Hurdle. Zarane is, I think, the last survivor of the batch of horses which Mr. Percy Whitaker bought in the rough from the late Mr. D. W. Barry for Lady Wilton, and which included such good winners as Hedu, Expeditious and the brilliant Annoya, who was unfortunately killed at Sandown, as well as Zarane. Tom Leader had a wonderful season with them when he was training Lady Wilton.

THE SATURDAY CARD.

A number of Grand National horses are likely to be started for the Crawley Handicap Steeplechase here to-morrow. One of them is Knight of the Wilderness, who was sold from Ireland not long ago to a new patron of Mr. Whitaker's stable. The handicapper has not taken an exaggerated view of his merit, and if he is reasonably fit he has a good winning chance. Old Tay Bridge is top weight, but even if he is started I do not expect much of him, and, good as I think the young horse Great Span, he seems to have quite enough weight, a remark which also applies to Thrown In. Ardeen barely gets three miles, and he, who is for sale, has shown no form since he won on this course eleven months ago. Red Bee is moderate, and I like better the young Redlynch, who has been showing good form this season. I will take a chance with KNIGHT OF THE WILDERNESS and make him my selection.

Melrush, on the strength of his impressive victory at Sandown, is sure to be heavily backed for the Reigate Hurdle, but I think PADDY is remarkably well handicapped in this, and he may beat Captain Sassoon's horse. PONT ROYAL won in good style at Manchester, and, in spite of his weight, may win the Maiden Hurdle, the danger probably being Solitary.

GALTER MORE.

FORM HORSES.

GATWICK.

1. 0—Mask Man.
1.30—Cat Burglar (nap).
2. 0—Knight of the Wilderness.
2.30—Paddy.
3. 0—French Leave.
3.25—Pont Royal.

Eclipse.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Daily Express :—Safety bet—Acceleration (to win). Double—Ardeen and Acceleration.
Daily Mirror :—Double—Thrown In and Solitary (nap).
Daily Sketch :—Double—Ardeen and Cat Burglar.
Westminster Gazette :—To-day's best—Knight of the Wilderness. Double—Knight of the Wilderness and Pont Royal.

TURF CLUB MEETING.

The statutory general meeting of the Turf Club was held at the Registry Office, Dublin, on Monday, January 3rd.

Present :—Stewards—Colonel R. B. Charteris (presiding) and General the Right Hon. Sir Bryan Mahon. Members—The Right Hon. Sir Thomas Stafford, Bart. ; Sir Henry Greer, Sir Walter Nugent, Bart. ; Colonel F. Blacker, D.S.O. ; Colonel T. H. M. Clarke, Colonel Honner, Major J. S. Cape, Captain Harding, Messrs. E. Bellaney, I. J. Blake, J. J. Maher, J. W. Morland and J. Porter Porter.

Apologies regretting their unavoidable absence were received from Captain Charles Moore, Viscount Lascelles, Earl of Kenmare, Baron de Robeck, Major D. McCalmont, Major John Murray, Mr. S. Grehan and Mr. R. D. Jameson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. W. H. West tendered his resignation as a member of the Turf Club owing to ill-health, but the Stewards and members would not accept same. Mr. Maher proposed and Colonel Charteris seconded that Mr. West be made an honorary member of the Club, which was passed unanimously.

Mr. J. J. Maher proposed and Colonel Blacker seconded that—"We, the Stewards and members of the Turf Club, desire to record our deep regret at the death of the late Mr. Michael Dawson, and tender to Mrs. Dawson and family our most sincere sympathy and condolence."

The motion was passed in silence, and the Keeper of the Match Book was directed to forward a copy to Mrs. Dawson.

There being no further business for transaction the meeting terminated.—*Irish Racing Calendar.*

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TO-DAY'S FIXTURES:

RUGBY, HOCKEY, ASSOCIATION.

CHARITY RUGBY MATCH.

WANDERERS' STRONG XV.

AGAINST BECTIVE.

Charity always has a strong appeal to Rugby enthusiasts, and for that reason alone we anticipate a big crowd at the College Park to-day to witness the match between Dublin University and Monkstown, which will be in aid of the funds of Monkstown Hospital. Apart from this aspect, the form of the teams this season promises a capital game. Four other Senior matches are also listed, and Wanderers are fielding a side which includes six internationals to oppose Bective Rangers at Lansdowne road. Old Wesley, should they show anything like the form of the previous Saturday, should give Belfast Collegians a good game at Donnybrook. University College, who recently played a drawn game with Trinity, will have Clontarf as visitors at Terenure, and Lansdowne go to Clonskeagh to play Palmerston. Blackrock College again travel to the South, this time to oppose Constitution at Cork.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY v. MONKSTOWN. College Park.
Referee—Mr. J. H. Miles.
Wanderers v. Bective Rangers. Lansdowne road.
Mr. T. Bell.
Old Wesley v. Collegians. Donnybrook. Referee—Mr. N. H. Hamilton.
University College v. Clontarf. Terenure. Mr. N. M. Purcell.
Palmerston v. Lansdowne. Clonskeagh. Mr. C. P. Stanfe.
Cork Constitution v. Blackrock College. Cork.
Instonians v. North. Belfast.
Ballyclare v. Wanderers. Ballyclare.
Malahide v. Palmerston II. Malahide.
Blackrock College II. v. R. and S.P.U. Nutley Avenue.
Bective Rangers II. v. Clontarf II. Donnybrook.
Civil Service v. Lansdowne II. Cabra.
Monkstown II. v. Dublin University II. Sydney Parade.
Wanderers III. v. Monkstown III.
R. and S.P.U. II. v. Blackrock College III. Park avenue.
Palmerston III. v. Malahide II. Clonskeagh.
Clontarf III. v. Bective Rangers III. Castle avenue.
Lansdowne III. v. Civil Service II. Lansdowne road.
C.Y.M.S. v. Dublin University III. Terenure.
Y.M.C.A. v. Wilks', Kimmage road.
Carlow v. Players' Carlow.
R. and S.P.U. III. v. Clontarf III. Roebuck Villas, Clonskeagh.
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Dublin University—MacD. Stewart; A. N. B. Odbert; J. C. Cherry, T. J. Millin, S. J. Cussen, J. C. D. Hewat; M. S. M'Intosh, R. St. J. Lyburn; A. M'M Buchanan, H. Pike, R. S. Flood, J. H. Wallace, F. Paul, H. L. Dixon, J. J. M'Guire.
Dublin University and—Radcliffe; Greatly, Mofsowitz, Robinson, Healy; Myerscough, Rice; Wells, Pike, Pike, Harris, Knott, Pratt, Graham, Deane.
Wanderers—D. Kennedy; E. M. Greer, M. Sneden, H. W. Peyton, Rev. R. Watson; P. Murray, H. J. Rose; E. Bam, A. D. Clinch, J. D. Clinch, J. Carroll, W. B. Collis, J. H. Fidler, H. N. Potterton, J. K. Reilly.
Wanderers II. (train leaves Amiens street at 2 o'clock)—R. J. Lorrar; N. P. Brady, H. Beere, J. H. Doran; W. Nunan, D. Webb; C. S. Digges, P. Freer, H. J. Hilton, J. W. Johnson, D. Murrogh, A. L. Murray, H. N. Nowlan, W. A. Sawyer.
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Clontarf II.—W. Moynagh; D. Muir, J. S. Miller, J. P. Murphy, J. G. M'Dowell, W. Chambers, A. P. Healy; J. Kavanagh, W. C. Harrison, H. J. Healy, T. H. Kennedy, M. Dorsey, H. Haughton, K. McFerran, J. F. Brown.
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Londonderry—J. Martin; T. V. Harris, S. P. S. Hogan, J. E. Arigho, E. J. Lightfoot; T. A. O'Reilly, P. O'D. Davy; J. C. Bermingham, W. G. Brown, P. Conroy, M. J. Hogan, J. Emery, G. O. Pike, W. W. Rossiter, J. J. Winters.
Lansdowne II.—L. J. Heaney, R. T. Falkiner, T. V. Bennett, R. Kelly, P. McPhillips, C. Dodds, J. T. Moran; A. G. Ankettil, M. Bell, E. A. Heard, R. F. Hanrahan, E. Poulter, W. Keogh, J. Robertson, J. D. Rooney.
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Fordsons, with the advantage of playing at home, should account for St. James's Gate to-morrow. Cobh Ramblers will make their first appearance in the city at Inchicore, and their match with Brideville may develop into the most interesting of the lot. The fixtures are :—

FREE STATE CHALLENGE CUP.
Bray Unknowns v. Shamrock Rovers. Shelbourne Park.
Bohemians v. Dundalk. Dalymount Park.
Athlone v. Shelbourne. Athlone.

TO-MORROW.
Jacobs v. Drumcondra. Rutland avenue.
Brideville v. Cobh Ramblers. Inchicore.
Fordsons v. James's Gate. The Mardyke, Cork.

LEINSTER SENIOR LEAGUE.—I.
Shamrock Rovers v. R.S.P.U. Milltown.
Frankfort v. Bohemians. Tudor Park.
Bendigo v. University College. The Thatch.
Corinthians v. Strandville. Inchicore.
Fidenville v. Shelbourne. Monkstown.
St. Paul's v. St. Mary's. Cremlin.
Glasnevin v. Strandville. Ballymun.

LEINSTER SENIOR LEAGUE.—II.
Richmond Asylum v. Mullingar. Grangegorman.
R.S.P.U. v. Bohemians. Park stream.
R.I.S.P. v. Corinthians. Seafield road.
Richmond United v. Civil Service. Richmond road.
Distillery v. Jacobs. Parnell Park.

LEINSTER JUNIOR CUP—5th ROUND.
North Wall v. Blackrock Hospital. Church road.
Rutland v. Drumcondra "B." No. 4 Ground, Phœnix Park.
Vickers v. Tramway Athletic. Church road.

IRISH LEAGUE.
Area v. Belfast Celtic. Ards.
Glentoran v. Glenavon. The Oval, Belfast.
Portadown v. Queen's Island. Portadown.
Newry v. Larne. Newry.
Linfield v. Distillery. Windsor Park, Belfast.
Barn v. Cliftonville. Barn.

ENGLISH CUP—THIRD ROUND.
Reading v. Manchester United.
Bristol Rovers v. Portsmouth.
Fulham v. Chesterfield.
Barnsley v. Crewe Alexandra.
The Wednesday v. Brighton and Hove Albion.
Lincoln City v. Preston North End.
Darlington v. Rhyl.
Everton v. Poole.
Hull City v. West Bromwich Albion.
Birmingham v. Manchester City.
South Shields v. Plymouth Argyle.
Newcastle United v. Notts County.
Southampton v. Norwich City.
Southport v. Blackburn Rovers.
Cardiff v. Aston Villa.
Burnley v. Grimsby Town.
Chelsea v. Luton Town.
Carlisle United v. Wolverhampton Wanderers.
Bournemouth v. Liverpool.
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Londonderry—J. Martin; T. V. Harris, S. P. S. Hogan, J. E. Arigho, E. J. Lightfoot; T. A. O'Reilly, P. O'D. Davy; J. C. Bermingham, W. G. Brown, P. Conroy, M. J. Hogan, J. Emery, G. O. Pike, W. W. Rossiter, J. J. Winters.
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Blackrock College—E. H. Willis, J. Devenish, Rowers, C. Crowe, J. Mullins, M. Hunter, G. Culhane; S. Keogh, L. Gleeson, Gleeson, D. Browne, E. Maguire, L. Keenan, M. Cogan, J. Cloonan.
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Malahide—H. Pembrey; J. Worlin, M. Cullen, K. Higgins, C. McCrendie; F. Parker, B. Healy; J. Berge, D. Dickie, E. Craigie, J. Dull, L. Smith, C. Scaiver, L. Kirwan, G. Kirker.
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Balbriggan—G. McGowan, Lynch, Ellison, Cumisky, Bingham; P. McGowan, N. May; R. Larkin, F. Larkin, J. Wade, W. McCormick, C. Murdock, R. Reynolds, F. Gaynor, J. Gallen.

IRISH HOCKEY CUPS.

ACROSTICS AT FOXROCK.

ULSTER AND MIDLANDS IN BELFAST.

The restart of the season comes in with something of a flourish. In Belfast the inter-provincial games start with the visit of the Midlands to meet Ulster. In Leinster there will be a varied programme. Both the Senior and Junior Cups make a start, the former with the meeting of Dublin University and Monkstown in the College Park, and the latter with matches at Serpentine avenue, Claremont road, and Donnybrook.

At Foxrock the visit of Acrostics to play Buccaneers promises to provide the chief item of an interesting card. The visitors are travelling a strong side, which includes six internationals, and Buccaneers will also be well represented.

League matches, Leinster Branch, and Ladies' Union will go to fill up a promising afternoon's hockey.

INTERPROVINCIAL.
Ulster v. Midlands. Queen's.

IRISH SENIOR CUP—FIRST ROUND.
Dublin University v. Monkstown. College Park.
Umpires—Messrs. G. Hickerson and C. Bruton.

IRISH JUNIOR CUP.
Pembroke Wanderers II. v. Kingstown Grammar School II. Serpentine avenue. Messrs. J. S. Mahon and J. Hirst.
Y.M.C.A. v. Three Rock Rovers II. Claremont road. Messrs. A. Cork and G. V. Ireland.
National Bank v. Dublin Bohemians. Messrs. D. Robinson and S. Griffin.

CLUB MATCHES.
Buccaneers v. Acrostics. Foxrock. Mr. I. Howe.
Avoca School v. Railway Union III. Mr. H. D. Sarratt.

SENIOR LEAGUE.
Kingstown Grammar School v. Railway Union, Tivoli terrace. Messrs. W. F. McDonnell and D. J. Coulter.

MIDDLE LEAGUE.
Railway Union II. v. Monkstown II. Park avenue. Messrs. T. Scaife and R. Dyke.
Brownstown v. Dublin University II. Brownstown. Mr. A. N. Umpire.

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE.
Railway Union IV. v. Kingstown Grammar School IV. Clonskeagh, 2.0. Messrs. J. Ross and R. Wolfe.
Monkstown III. v. National Bank II. Royal terrace. Mr. S. McIlveen.
Dublin University III. v. Pembroke Wanderers III. Postponed.
Fairview C.Y.M.S. v. Three Rock Rovers III. Philibinsleigh avenue. Messrs. P. Rigney and M. O'Connell.

JUNIOR LEAGUE.
Kingstown Grammar School IV. v. Dublin University IV. Civil Service II. v. National Bank III. Cabra. Mr. F. Hirst, jun.
Railway Union V. v. Pembroke Wanderers IV. Clonskeagh. 3.15. Messrs. J. Ross and R. Wolfe.
Dalkey II. v. Pembroke Wanderers V. Serpentine avenue. 3.15. Mr. M. Cooke.

LEINSTER LADIES' UNION.
SENIOR LEAGUE.
Antiquity v. Trefoil. Dunore avenue, 2.30. (Optimists "B" v. Victoria. Merrion road, 2.30. Muckross II. v. National Bank, C.C., 2.30.
MIDDLE LEAGUE.—A.
Muckross II. v. Bray. Bray, 2.30.
Maids of the Mountain II. v. Necomes. Stillorgan Park, 2.0.
U.C.D. v. Victoria II. Temple Hill, 3.0.
MIDDLE LEAGUE.—B.
R. and S.P.U. v. National Bank. Park avenue, 2.30.
Criterion v. Newcomes II. Stillorgan Park, 3.0.
MIDDLE D.
Maids of the Mountain III. v. Grangegorman. Phibsborough, 2.30.
Criterion v. R. and S.P.U II. Oaklands Park, 2.30.
Antiquity II. v. Muckross III. Sandymount avenue, 3.30.
MIDDLE C.
Optimists III. v. Nutgrove. Kimmage road, 3.30.
Indians v. Pembroke Wanderers II. Balbriggan, 3.15.
Bray II. v. Grangegorman II. Bray, 3.30.
JUNIOR LEAGUE.
Civil Service III. v. Dublin University III. Trinity Hall, 3.0.
Trefoil III. v. Trigvina III. Dunville avenue, 3.0.
JUNIOR B.
Antiquity III. v. St. George's. Phibsborough, 3.0 o'clock.
Players' v. National Bank III. Crumlin, 3.0.
JUNIOR C.
Loretto College v. Grangegorman IV. Phibsborough, 3.15.
Trigvina IV v. Civil Service IV. Dunville avenue, 2.0.
Monkstown III. v. Nutgrove III. Kimmage road, 2.30.

Millanes.—Robertson (Tullamore); Burke (Longford), Byers (Longford); Deane (Portarlington), Lambe (Longford), Clarke (Tullamore); Tyndall (Kildare), Garvin (Tipp.), Crinion (Edenderry), Bradley (Longford), Hill (Edenderry).
Buccaneers.—W. G. M'Cormick; G. K. Pilking, Rutland; M. W. Campbell, A. P. Hoet, R. Brown; H. M. Eyre, R. Evans, J. E. Cairns, C. J. O'Reilly, N. Medcalf.
Acrostics.—J. G. Mann; R. F. Atterborough, S. H. Shoreller; L. G. Crewcus, D. W. Lamb, J. H. R. Lunam; J. K. Mathews, R. W. Drumnack, C. Kirkpatrick, J. C. Masterman, C. B. Fairbank.
Avoca School.—J. C. Morris; G. H. Alleyne, W. R. Crawford; D. E. Coulson, L. S. Phillips (capt.); D. M. Phillips, J. D. Brown, A. J. Sarratt, R. S. Darling, J. C. Fielder, J. A. MacDonogh.
Dublin University—H. A. Ferguson; G. W. Rodwell, A. Fisher, R. Fleming, S. H. M. Webb, G. C. B. Hillard, S. Leonard, J. G. Wilson, R. G. Hill, D. C. Crawley, W. G. McVeagh.
Dublin University Second—Moynihan; R. P. M'Garrigle, J. W. Pigott; J. J. O'Dwyer, R. J. Hodgins, J. R. Leonard; H. Irwin, C. Hodgins, J. S. Montgomery, C. Brunnen, A. A. Minnear.
"Bus will leave Lincoln place for Brownstown at 2 o'clock.
Railway Union—W. Leopold; K. Browner, M. O'Donoghue; R. Williams, W. Chidwick (capt.), J. Ryan; T. Browner, C. Sully, V. Sully, H. Sully, Henderson.
Railway Union 2nd—J. Hand; M. Flavin, E. Short (capt.), H. Bollard, G. Erskine, T. Spearman; W. Bland, H. Brislane, F. Salmon, R. Wolfe, J. Corscadden.
Kingstown G.S.—C. W. Gibson; G. T. Kelly, F. Austin, T. Staples, R. E. Felton, H. A. Moore; C. Ritchie, D. Jones, E. Wiodrr, C. W. Cook, S. Cheetham.
Kingstown G.S. 2nd—F. Whitney, G. Moore, G. Jenkin; S. Sutton, W. Harris, A. C. L'Estrange; R. Jones, B. Gibson, F. Duke, W. H. Kenny, E. Maguire.
Three Rock Rovers 2nd—C. Somerville-Large; C. Tyndall, J. K. Murray; H. T. Hanbury, R. S. Wix, B. Somerville-Large; J. F. Crawford, A. H. Davidson, P. Somerville-Large, A. Robinson, C. Buttanshaw.
Monkstown—Misses Shannon; Wadsworth, Mrs. Hamilton; Acheson, Taylour, Dilworth; White, Molyneux, Daly, Grace, Flavelle.
Criterions—Misses Hamilton; Symes, Wilson; Towne, Anderson, P. Campbell, Edison (capt.), Fisher, G. Laing, E. Aitwood, Keith.
Criterions 2nd—Misses Legar; Priestman N. Laing; Clare, Cline, Armstrong; Sexton, Kaye, Harvey (capt.), K. Campbell, Coade.
Monkstown—E. McNally; V. G. Williams, G. Dawson, W. F. Williams (captain), R. Towers, F. Boulger; Captain W. F. Delamere, H. Langford, E. Gray, J. McIveen, I. Waddell.
Monkstown 2nd—L. Knight; Captain Abrahall, F. W. Ryan (captain); C. W. Dormer, F. Regan, A. McWeeney; R. M. Jones, P. B. McWeeney, A. Knight, H. Blennerhassett, H. Cobbe.

THE PEAT CUP.
Club secretaries are requested to note that all entries for the Peat Cup should be sent to Miss K. Mortell, 119 Donore terrace, S.C.R., Dublin, on or before January 12th.

SPORTING GOSSIP.

Colt and Filly for India.

Weardale, a three-year-old colt by Dynamo out of Wenleysdale, and a three-year-old filly by Desman out of Beatrice have left Newmarket, *en route* for India.

Promising 'Chaser Destroyed.

When falling at the second fence in the Hookwood Novices' Steeplechase at Gatwick yesterday Bokhara broke his near hind leg and was mercifully destroyed as quickly as possible. The loss of this young horse is a serious one to his owner, Mr. Mackey, as the gelding had shown much promise, and had won a steeplechase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day.

A Hurdler Sold for Ten Guineas.

After the first race at Gatwick yesterday Tor Achility, a four-year-old filly by Torloisk out of Lady Maid, was put up to auction and sold to Mr. Walter Hutchinson for ten guineas. She has never been placed in a race, either on the flat or over hurdles, but may be of some value as a brood mare. Mr. J. B. Joel once gave a mare named Rosaline to the Fresh Air Fund. When put up for auction she realised only twenty-five guineas, but became the dam of the Oaks winner, Rosedrop, and the grand dam of the Two Thousand Guineas, New Derby, and Substitute St. Leger winner, Gainsborough.

A Coincidence.

It was freely commented upon as a remarkable coincidence that the first three winners at Gatwick yesterday were the same horses that won the first three races at Newbury on Thursday of last week. Tuscan, however, who won the fourth race at Newbury on the same day, failed to carry the coincidence further, finishing third.

A further coincidence is recalled in connection with the successes of Sir Shaun and Kaffir Chief at Haydock Park on Wednesday. When they ran at the Fairyhouse meeting in 1924 they also both won. Kaffir Chief won the Stagshaw Welter Steeplechase and Sir Shaun the Fairyhouse Plate.

Australian Cricket Control.

At the meeting of the Australian Cricket Board of Control yesterday it was announced that the total profits from the tour of the Australian cricket team to Great Britain amounted to £20,700. The 1921 tour under Warwick Armstrong showed a profit of £20,400. The Board decided to adopt the smaller ball, and fixed the circumference measurement as not less than 8½ inches and not more than 9 inches.

The Board announced with regret that they could not see their way to send a team to the West Indies.

A Jockey Flies to Gatwick.

George Duller, the hurdle race jockey, flew to Gatwick Races yesterday, arriving shortly before the first race. His visit was not without fruit, as he rode Toy Bell to victory in the Moderate Handicap Hurdle.

Duller is also a daring motorist, and is well known on the track at Brooklands. Last year, when competing in the contest for the twenty-four hours' motor record on the Montlehery track, Paris, he had a narrow escape from death. He was travelling at 105 miles an hour when his machine spun round on the track six times. Duller was thrown into the pit with a jarred collar

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

COMPULSORY IRISH.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—I have seen a good deal of argument in Irish newspapers regarding the question of justice in making the Irish language compulsory in State-supported schools. Compulsion in such a personal concern as the choice of studies certainly cannot be squared with liberty. It seems to me that this principle holds good regardless of the study which people ought to impose. The rights involved here are obviously those of the pupil. Why should not his adult champions against compulsory Irish admit that he is entitled to decide for himself the general character, order and quantity of his whole educational diet (and exercise)? Do not competent educators agree that the proper functions of teachers and parents is that of guides, and not dictators? The relative values of different languages, sciences, arts can be self-determined by a small boy or girl who is capable of learning them and is given opportunity to know what they are all about.

I find that the Irish Minister of Education refuses that a standardised curriculum would suit the requirements of all pupils. Still less could it suit all individuals. Even Spencer's reasoned conclusions concerning educational values are probably true only in the way that insurance statistics are true—on the social average. He pointed out that time absorbed in one study is taken from some uncorrelated study, that science is the basis of the useful and fine arts and should be considered of most worth. Yet I know a young man from the West of Ireland, here in New York, who was led to the study of science and music indirectly by the ease with which he learnt Irish. It gave him the study habit. He admits that a modern language might have the same influence, but doubts that its association could be made to appeal to him so forcibly. It myself have forgotten the bit of Irish "I learnt in a West of Ireland national school upwards of twenty-five years ago. Had I learned drawing or something of physical science, I would have found it of direct service in adjusting myself to the methods and lingo of industry.

It seems to me that the study of an efficient language can be done best by philologists. Variety is desirable in literature, thought, music, art, but standardisation is desirable in language, just as in chemical, physical and electric units, numerals, etc. Is not mathematics also a language of many national and individual origins which have become merged in one medium? Nothing that I can see is gained by applying the name "bo" to an instrument instead of to an animal, or *vice versa*; yet I have heard a man assert the contrary. Theodore Roosevelt encountered his type in multitudes when he attempted to reform English spelling. Twenty-five years of agitation by the simplified spelling board has resulted in a settlement of spelling for about seven words. Is the pace of progress against the psychological coercion of custom and hard sentiment?

Those who are genuinely delighted by variety in life have to seek for creative, and not mechanical, forms of expression. The real nationalist will seek expression in music, art, literature, science, politics, athletics, industry, where true originality is demanded, even though common materials and media are used. The good swimmer can disport himself in an international ocean as well as in a private lake. The real essentials of a medium of communication, as of a medium for swimming, are that it should be free and clear and adequate for its purpose. It seems to me that this principle should prejudice no rational person for or against it. I think that Ireland stands to gain by a variety of school experiments. If the opposition to compulsory Irish resolves to have progressive methods and flexible curricula and self-governing schools, as the logic of this issue entails, it will bring decided educational advantages to itself and to Ireland. My belief is that the opposition in the case of Irish is in particular absurdity in a general unsound and servile educational system.—Yours, etc.,

DANIEL D. MOLONY.

144 Woodruff avenue, Brooklyn,
New York, December 27th, 1926.

MUNICIPAL APPOINTMENTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—Under the heading of "Economy and Efficiency" the *Irish Times* discusses to-day certain proposals of the City Commissioners regarding important appointments. As the matters referred to are *sub judice*, our Union having made representations to the Minister for Local Government, we do not propose to discuss them at the moment, beyond saying that to fair-minded critic will advocate economy which is achieved at the cost of efficiency in the course of your leading article it is stated that "in former times every retirement meant a chain of promotions and the opening of a vacancy which became the prize that would be filled only after orgies of canvassing, jobbing and intrigue." We make bold to say that this is not fair criticism and is not borne out by the facts. It is true, the present municipal service would be mainly staffed by incompetents. We do not think that our own valuation be correct in this connection.

It may be invidious to mention names, but we cannot refrain from asking if the old Corporation did badly when filling important positions in the service—when, for instance, it appointed Mr. Henry Mangan as City Accountant, or, coming to more recent days, when it selected Mr. J. J. Murphy to fill the highest position in its gift. Is it forgotten that all clerkships are, and have been for over twenty-five years, filled by open competitive examination?

Your comment is unfair to members of the old Corporation, and certainly does not represent the views of those who have replaced them.—Mr. Commissioner Murphy, speaking in public on the 30th October last, referred to the municipal officials as follows:—"They have been a very great help to us, and I have noticed that with them it is not merely a case of earning their salaries, but that they are well aware that the work they are doing is part of the whole work which goes towards placing Dublin in a position to hold its own with every other city in the world." I prefer not to pay a still higher compliment when he referred to officials who "would be a credit to any city."

The inspector who conducted the inquiry which preceded the dissolution of the Corporation made special reference to two departments as being "particularly well managed." These were the Town Clerk's and City Accountant's. This verdict does not fit in with the idea that there are sinecure positions in either department which can be scrapped. Opportunities for justifiable economies doubtless occur, and we do not contend that they should not be availed of: but we suggest that good management implies a capable, hard-working and contented staff. Reductions of status which spell injustice to individuals and lessen efficiency by over-centralisation are false economies in the long run.—Yours, etc.,

PATRICK O'BYRNE, President.
LEO J. HENDERSON, General Secretary.
Irish Local Government Officials' Union,
4 Upper Ormond quay, Dublin.
January 7th 1927.

TOURISTS AND TRADE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—The possibilities of the picture-postcard as a means of propaganda in the interests of "tourism" and trade are well illustrated by a card I have just received from Landeshut in Silesia. The picture is quite an ordinary one of the town hall and church of a small German town. But the postage-stamp bears the portrait of the great philosopher Immanuel Kant, and thus reminds one of one of Germany's claims to respect. The post-mark declares boldly that "Landeshut linen is world-famed"—and thus advertises one of the rivals of Belfast. Finally, my correspondent says in his message that he has been exchanging postcards for two years with persons in twenty-nine different countries—he is, of course, an Esperantist, so that he has no language difficulty to overcome—and that the most beautiful cards he has received have been from England and from Ireland. My card, to which he is replying, was the first he had from Ireland. It seems not unreasonable to suggest that consideration might usefully be given by the Post Office and by tourist and trade organisations to these three matters of postage-stamps, post-marks, and picture-postcards. All three of them might be made to contribute more effectively to the esteem in which our country is held by foreigners.—Yours, etc.,

R. J. P. MORTISHED.
3 Seafield road, Dollymount, Dublin,
January 7th, 1927.

THE PRICE OF EGGS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—A short time ago you published a letter from an indignant poultry-breeder who deplored the fact that, seemingly, the only result of the new regulations for the export of eggs, so far as the producer is concerned, is that the price is lower than it was before the regulations came into force. Has your correspondent heard of the Irish Poultry-Keepers' Association, Burgh quay, Dublin? I sent this association a case of 30 dozen eggs on December 16th and at the same time wrote to poultry and egg dealers in Dublin asking for their prices for that week. I received a cheque from the Irish Poultry-Keepers' Association for 29s. per 120 2-oz. eggs and 22s. per 120 for smalls (under 2 ozs.). The prices offered by the dealer and exporter were, respectively, 25s. and 16s. I would hesitate to accuse the dealer of "profiteering," as I am not acquainted with the price obtained for eggs at that time in England, but certainly the disparity between the prices is hard to understand.

I think that you would be doing your readers a service if you would inquire into the working of the practical monopoly of export which the Irish egg-dealers now enjoy, and publish the results in the Farmers' Page, which has added a good deal to the attractions of your excellent paper. In the meantime I can safely advise your indignant correspondent, and others like him who suffer from the unaccountable diversity of prices paid in different parts of Ireland, to join the association. Freight now for eggs for distances within a hundred miles radius of Dublin is only 1s. 5d. per 56 lbs.—about the weight of 30 dozen eggs packed in a light case, with cardboard divisions.—Yours, etc.,

H. LESLIE PARKER.
Ozier Hill, Taghmon, Co. Wexford,
January 7th, 1927.

WINTER THUNDERSTORMS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—Last winter an appeal was made to readers of the *Irish Times* for reports of any thunder or lightning which might be observed during the first three months of 1926. I should like to thank the very large number of observers who kindly supplied information. Thunder or lightning was observed somewhere in the British Isles on forty-nine days out of the ninety, against fifty-seven days for the same period in 1925. In England and Wales there were four prominently stormy areas, one of which was in south-west Yorkshire and another was a large district round the Severn estuary. As in some previous winters, there was again a large area free from thunder in the Midlands.

This census of thunderstorms is being continued during the present winter, and I shall be very grateful for reports of any thunder or lightning which may be observed in any part of the British Isles before April 1st, 1927. A note on a postcard of the place, date, and time of the occurrence of thunder or lightning, with the direction in which the lightning was seen, especially at night, will be very valuable. Additional information of the following character will be welcome:—

(1) The time when the storm passed overhead, or was nearest with its direction; how long it lasted.

(2) Whether much or little thunder or lightning, or both.

(3) Whether accompanied by rain, hail or snow.

(4) Direction and estimated strength of wind; change of wind (if any).

(5) Whether there was a change in temperature during the storm.

Yours, etc.,
S. MORRIS BOWER.
Langley terrace, Oakes, Huddersfield,
Yorks., January 6th, 1927.

LAND ANNUITIES.

AMENDMENT OF PURCHASE ACTS SUGGESTED.

At the meeting of the South Tipperary County Council—Mr. P. L. Ryan (Chairman) presiding—Mr. P. Morris moved the following resolution:—

"That, in consequence of the grave agricultural depression now prevailing in the Saorstat, and the increased burden cast upon the ratepayers by defaulting land annuitants, we demand of the Government to immediately make with the British Government, so that the sinking fund when invested would bear the current rate of interest on Government securities of 5 per cent., instead of 2½ per cent. as at present; and that when this arrangement is made the period of redemption be extended to 110 years instead of 68½ years, thereby ensuring a reduction of about 15 per cent. in the annuities. That copies be sent to President Cosgrave, Mr. Blythe, and all T.D.'s for County Tipperary."

Mr. Morris said that it was the general opinion of the farming community that the present generation had borne too much of the brunt of the battle, and some of the burden ought to be cast on the future generation. He had seen figures worked out by a financial expert, and he was fully convinced that a reduction of 15 per cent. in the annuities can be effected; but there must be a new arrangement with the British Government with regard to the sinking fund. In doing that no injustice would be done to anybody. They were prepared to pay the last penny of interest that was due to the British Government, which should give full credit for the half or million of money sent from this country yearly as a sinking fund, and which they invested for them at 2½ per cent. It was only a simple matter of adjustment between the two Governments.

HOW THE AGREEMENT WAS BROKEN.

Mr. O'Neill, who seconded the resolution, said that posterity should bear some of the burden. Facilities to-day were not the same as when the Wyndham Act was passed. He purchased his holding under the Wyndham Act, and the British Government lent him the money to pay for it on the security of his land; but had they said to him then that ten years hence they would allow the Canadian cattle into England and depreciate the price of Irish cattle, he would not have paid the same price for it. By admitting the Canadian cattle the British Government broke their part of the agreement, because it depreciated the price of Irish stock. Extension of the annuities was the greatest relief they could give the farming community.

The Chairman—I think this is the most almighty resolution that was ever put before this Council. It proposes to upset the whole financial business between the Free State and British Government. It is one that I cannot subscribe to, because I am not a financial expert, and I have not experience enough to claim to be one. I want to point out to Mr. Morris that, according to procedure, this resolution must go before the County Councils' General Council, and, if he is to succeed in carrying that resolution through, he must come there with this financial expert as a kind of sponsor for it. So far as I read that resolution, there is no possible chance of its getting through the County Councils' General Council.

Mr. Morris—The chairman said that it was a tremendous proposition. I'm not one bit afraid of the side or magnitude of the proposition at all. I was never afraid to undertake any task no matter how tremendous it may appear. I am not a novice at working of the Land Acts. I had to fight through clauses of the Land Acts and get whatever little justice I could out of them. There is scarcely a clause in the 1903 Land Act that I have not by heart, and I paid well for learning it. I consider that I am expert enough for the majority of the farmers to believe in.

After a long discussion the Chairman proposed, and Mr. Tobin seconded, that the further consideration of the resolution be adjourned, and the resolution was carried.

ATTEMPT TO INTIMIDATE CUSTOMERS.

DUNDALK WOMAN SENT TO PRISON.

At Dundalk yesterday, before Mr. Goff, District Justice, Mary Brennan, a former publican, was charged with attempting to intimidate customers at Peter Ward's licensed premises, Park street, Dundalk. Already she had been sentenced to more than one term of imprisonment for a like offence. Yesterday she refused to give an undertaking to be of good behaviour, and she declared that when she was dead her spirit would haunt the premises.

Peter Ward stated in evidence that Mary Brennan insisted on entering his premises when they were opened, and that when they were closed at night she walked up and down outside.

The District Justice asked the defendant if she would take the priest's advice, and she replied that she would not take the advice of the priest or of anyone else. The District Justice, in the circumstances, sentenced her to three months' imprisonment in the second division.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.—Comments on Ireland's First International, Notes on all Games and Comments on Current Events appear in To-day's issue of *The Irish Field*. Price 2d.—[Advt.]

GAELIC GAMES.

DUBLIN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

FIXTURE LIST REVIEWED.

(BY PAT'O.)

The new grounds at Windy Arbour needed levelling and re-turfing in patches. The surface did not knit so well as anticipated, and the confident when they narrowly lost to the McKees at still on the rough side last week, but has come on well, and the 1927 Football Championship opens there to-morrow at noon.

The County Board were wise in selecting the Guards v. Geraldines tie to ring up the curtain. Geraldines secured half a dozen good men when Sean McDermottr disbanded last season, and have got more recruits during the off-season; following a long run of defeats, they seem to have turned the corner. Recently the social side of the old club has been revived, and at the moment a buoyant spirit permeates the wearers of the black Jersey.

They have trained steadily for to-morrow's game, and seem to have a sporting chance against the all-conquering Guards, who may be without one of their leaders in attack. The Guards were overconfident when they narrowly lost to McKee at their last meeting, and feel that the verdict will be reversed next time out. They are approaching the match in a serious spirit, for the news of Geraldines' advance has spread through Gaelic circles. The Guards were caught in a black mood against McKees, and have learnt their lesson. They did not take the Army team seriously, and expected them to crack on to the end.

A WORKMANLIKE TEAM.

The fact is that the McKees are a workmanlike lot of triers, and the committee in charge make no secret of their hopes in the 1927 competitions. Rumour has it that Paul Doyle may not be seen out with them again, and this would be a serious loss to their front line. Stanley is certain to play for the Guards, and we shall be interested in the change his presence makes. The Geraldines are stones a lighter team, but will depend on their speed and combination. Their club leaders look forward confidently to the game, and speak of a championship in the offing with a return of the Geraldines' old triumphant career. I do not expect that they will beat the Guards, however, who include a dozen men of inter-county experience.

We shall see McKees and Erin Og in the afternoon, when they meet Milltown Emmets in the Senior League. Emmets are an even, clever team. Though on the light side, they should extend McKees, and will have the advantage of playing at home. Fine weather should ensure a good attendance at the opening of the grounds beside the Dodder. A special service of buses run from O'Connell Bridge to the entrance gate.

CIVIL SERVICE AND THE LEAGUE.

Civil Service will have a busy time presently. They have notched few points, but they show a steady improvement in form. Harkers and footballers are engaged in the Saturday League to-day. The McKee harlers visit them at Cabra, and the footballers clash with Kickhams on the Guards' ground. Kickhams did not please their supporters at Parnell Park on Sunday, but they were up against a well-trained team, who know every inch of the Donnycarney pitch. Parnells are another club on the up grade, and at the moment head the League table.

Confidence in Sheridan, Kearney and McCann was an outstanding feature of their game against Kickhams, who need strict attention to training. Messrs. Kearney, O'Neill and Fitzpatrick have good material to work on, but success at football without steady training is out of the question. We see the Civil Service Football Judge, Kneavsey and Cleary out when the C.J.'s open their championship season.

KERRY DEFEAT AMERICAN TOUR.

Arrangements are almost complete for the Kerry footballers' tour of the United States. The tour is on a big scale, and nothing will be neglected by some prominent Kerry men in America. It is proposed to bring twenty-five or thirty footballers across to give exhibitions in the big American cities. Names of a dozen players outside Kerry are mentioned as having already signed agreements to travel in May, to conform to amateur status, and return to Ireland within four months. The players will be in charge of Mr. D. Fitzgerald, of Killarney, Kerry's representative on the Central Council, who was the star scorer for Kerry when they won three All-Ireland finals in a brief period.

The Railway Cups finals, held on a new plan last year, will be fixed at the next meeting of the Central Council. Munster are in both finals, meeting Connaught in football and Leinster in hurling. It is suggested in many circles that the matches be played at Croke Park on St. Patrick's Day, when Gaelic men will make a big rally at headquarters. A comprehensive sporting programme is being arranged, and it is proposed to run specially cheap railway excursions from all parts of the country.

SENIOR FIXTURES.

To-day—Saturday League—Garda ground, Phœnix Park (football), Kickhams v. Civil Service, 3 p.m. Mr. Hehir. At Cabra—Civil Service v. McKee (hurling), 3 p.m. Mr. Kenna. At Ringsend—Garda v. Fontenoys, 3 p.m. Mr. —

To-morrow—At Windy Arbour—Dublin Senior Championship (F.) opening: Geraldines v. Garda, 12 noon. Mr. Shanahan. McKee v. Milltown (Senior League), 1.30. Mr. Kennedy.

SCHOOLS' LEAGUE.

To-day—Ringsend Park—McNamee v. O'Tooles, 3.0. Phœnix Park—Dolphins v. Geraldines, 2.0; Croke Park v. St. Agnes, 3.15 (No. 3 and No. 4 grounds).

To-morrow—Phœnix Park—Parnells v. St. Agnes; Crusaders c. arnells (No. 2); Declans v. Wolfe Tones, 2 p.m.

At Cork—St. Annes v. Nemo Rangers (N.A.C.A. Cup), Turner's Cross, 3 p.m.

BILLIARDS.

NEWMAN V. DAVIS.

In yesterday afternoon's session of the 18,000 match at Thurston's, London, Newman was very even play, Newman having breaks of 123, 114, 90 and 104, and Davis 86, 108, 178 and 140. Interval scores:—Davis (receives 3,000) (in play), 7,280; Newman, 4,500.

Newman reduced Davis's lead to 340 at night, the champion's breaks being 209, 188, and 100 (unfinished). Davis's best was 143. Closing scores—Davis (receives 3,000), 7,613; Newman (in play), 7,273.

BRAY ROBBERY CHARGE.

ACCUSED MAN SENT FOR TRIAL.

At Bray District Court yesterday, Bernard McQuaid, Captain's avenue, Little Bray, was returned for trial, on bail, charged on remand with assault and robbery by violence of a bag, which contained a cheque, from Mr. J. Shera, shopkeeper, 15 Quinsorough road, Bray, on the 18th last.

Mr. A. Cullen, State Solicitor for Wicklow, who prosecuted, said that Mr. Shera was proceeding to his residence on the Novara road with a fairly large sum of money in two boxes under his left arm, and in his right hand he had a bag, containing cheques. He was overtaken by a man, who dealt him a violent blow on the side of the head with a hammer. It was by the greatest luck that he sustained the blow so low down. If it had been one inch higher the prisoner would have been standing in the dock on a more serious charge.

Mr. Shera said that he was "held up" about twenty minutes to 9 p.m., and his handbag, containing cheques, was taken from him. He identified the man in court who, he believed, held him up. There was nothing missing from the bag, which was recovered subsequently.

Superintendent Casserly said that when he arrested the accused man he stated that he was at the railway station from 8.20 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. with four men, who could prove his innocence. Subsequently he went up the Quinsborough road, and saw a man, who was bleeding, going into a barrack. He went home about 9.30 p.m.

P. Fox, Jones's terrace, Bray, who was about 25 yards from the scene of the occurrence, identified the accused as answering fully to the description of the man who he saw running down a lane.

Inspector Ryan said that earlier in the day he saw McQuaid on two occasions opposite Mr. Shera's shop. On the following day he detained the accused man and got a statement from him.

Evidence was given by several carmen and a railway official that they did not see the prisoner at the station that night.

Mr. M'Carroll reserved his defence, and McQuaid was reurned for trial, as stated.

ALLEGED ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.

A COWARDLY ASSAULT.

Owen White, a young man, was remanded in custody at the Dundalk District Court yesterday on a charge of conspiring to rob and assault Miss Jane Watters, aged 75 years, who lived alone at Donaghmore, on the outskirts of Dundalk.

Miss Watters stated that on December 29th a man came to her house and asked for a drink of water. When he got the water he went to a field and afterwards returned to the house. He put his hand to her head and held her until she was hurt, and her face was marked. When she shouted he went away. She had to be attended by a doctor.

Sergeant Morgan said that when he saw Miss Watters there was a deep cut over her left eye and there was blood on her face and hair. Her clothes were torn, and in the house he found large spots of blood. The accused man had been identified as one who had been seen in a lane near Miss Watters's house on the evening of the assault.

George McArdle, a private soldier, said that when he was in Dundalk on leave White suggested to him that they should loot Miss Watters's house, saying that she had money. He refused to go in, but White went in, and afterwards he heard a woman scream.

White was then remanded.

PETROL PRICES.

In the paragraph that appeared in yesterday's *Irish Times* contrasting the prices of petrol in the Free State and Northern Ireland it should have been stated that the prices charged for Gallex petrol in cans in the Dublin area and in the rest of the Free State are 1s. 8d. and 1s. 9d. a gallon respectively.

PRODUCE AND FOOD MARKETS.

CATTLE.

BIRKENHEAD.—On offer—2,179 Irish cattle and 2,206 lambs. A steady trade prevailed for the week's supply. Choice small stalled heifers made from 9d. per lb.; bullocks 9d., stronger descriptions from 8½d. Stalled cattle from 7¾d. up to 8¼d., cows and bulls 5d. to 6½d. A quiet demand ruled for the supply of lambs on offer at around 1/1 per lb. sinking the offal.

GRAIN.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES—BALTIC—WHEAT cargoes market generally quiet, the usual inquiry being chiefly on Continental account, but sellers were not pressing, and required steep prices. The Hermiona, 6,800 tons of Victorien, expected to load 11th January, sold at about 53/9, and 4,800 tons of Australian January to March at 53/9. No. 1 Northern Manitoba afloat quoted 56/-, No. 2 ditto 54/9; white Oregon January-February 53/3. No. 2 hard winter January 55/3, Barusso (65¼lbs.) February 49/6, Rosafe (62½lbs.) January-February 49/3, Australian January 54/-. Parcels firm, but generally quiet; No. 1 Northern Manitoba January-February 54/6, Australian 50/6 December-January, Plate January-February done 48/9, and March 49/-, per 480lbs. The Rodio, 5,800 tons of Plate, expected to load 25th January, sold 49/3, and March, 4,800 tons do. shipping or shipped 29/6. BARLEY remained quiet, and without new feature. OATS dull. Plate afloat sellers 21/4½, January 20/11½, January-February, also February-March 19/9; Chilean January-February 21/9, February-March 21/6. MAIZE—Cargoes quiet, but firmly held: Plate steamers afloat sellers 29/6 to 29/6, and forward to March 29/3. Parcels firmer, with fair inquiry; No. 2 spot 54/-. Parcels firm, but generally quiet; No. 1 Northern Manitoba January-February 54/6, Australian January-February 54/-, Plate January-February done 28/9, and March 29

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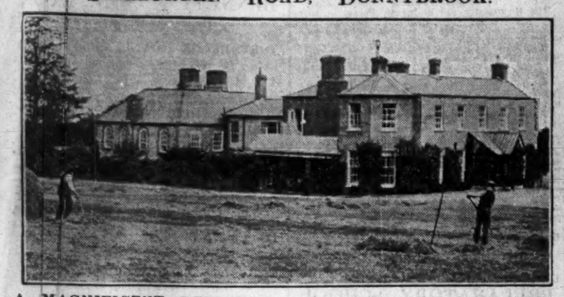

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MAGNIFICENT PREMISES, SITUATE IN HEART OF CITY.

The Premises are of modern construction, and have an imposing frontage of cut granite to Abbey street of 48ft., and a depth of 200 ft., and consist of four floors over basement.

On Ground Floor of the Main Building are 2 enclosed offices, show room, private offices and large wareroom, with light shaft. The front portion of the first floor, remainder as large, well-lit warehouse, divided into 3 offices, and also on the same floor are 2 large warerooms, also with light shafts. At the rear of the Main Building is a very large return structure, in three floors, communicating with the front portion. It is built of concrete and steel girders, and extremely well lighted, with hoists on each floor to loading dock in yard below. Gate entrance to Liffey street.

A concreted basement, with ample headroom, runs through entire.

Entire Premises lit by electric light; all in first-class order.

They are held, as to the Main Building, for 4,998 years, subject to £52 18/4 per annum, and two smaller Outside Portions for 199 years to go, at £14 10/- per annum.

Portion of the Premises, comprising the top floor and part of the window space on ground floor, is let to an excellent tenant. Further particulars and Orders to View, apply to the AUCTIONEERS; or

Messrs. WM. G. BRADLEY & SONS Solicitors, 11 Lower Ormond quay.

81 MOREHAMPTON ROAD, DONNYBROOK ("BURNS'"). TO CHEMISTS AND OTHERS, AS A GOING CONCERN.

C. C. SHAW, Solicitor, 4 Dame street.

OTHER LOTS CAN BE INCLUDED.

FURNITURE AUCTIONS CONDUCTED.

BATTERSBY & CO., AUCTIONEERS.

39 WESTMORELAND STREET, DUBLIN.

ESTABLISHED 1815.

COUNTY OF MEATH.
SALE OF
VALUABLE FARMS,
NEAR NAVAN.
TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE SALEROOMS OF PATRICK SMITH & SON, NAVAN,
ON MONDAY, 31st JANUARY, 1927
(Navan Fair Day),
At the hour of 3 o'clock p.m.

WE have been favoured with instructions from the Administratrix of the late Mr. Christopher Casey to Sell the following Valuable Property:—

LOT 1. (a) Part of the Lands of Alexander Reid (otherwise Alexanderaide), within 1¼ miles of the Town of Navan, with the modern Dwelling-house and substantial out-offices thereon, containing 91a. 3r. 39p., Statute Measure, or thereabouts, held in Fee-simple, subject to a terminable annuity of £77 17s. 6d., payable to the Irish Land Commission. Poor Law Valuation, £103 10s. 0d.

(b) Also another portion of Alexander Reid (otherwise Alexanderaide), with a slated Cottage thereon, containing 10a. 0r. 8p., Statute Measure, or thereabouts, held in Fee-simple, subject to a terminable annuity of £8, payable to the Irish Land Commission. Poor Law Valuation £11 10s. 0d.

LOT 2. Part of the Lands of Fargorstown and Ballymacon, containing 62a. 2r. 37p., Statute Measure, or thereabouts, situate within 1¼ miles of the Town of Navan, with the buildings thereon, held at the yearly judicial rent of £72, reduced by 8c. 20 of the Land Act, 1923, to £54, payment of interest in lieu of rent with the rights of purchase given by said Act. Poor Law Valuation £70.

LOT 3. Part of the Lands of Johnstown, within 3 miles of the Town of Navan, containing 99a. 1r. 24p., Statute Measure, or thereabouts, held under a judicial tenancy at £121 8s. 0d., reduced by Sec. 20 of the Land Act, 1923, to £91 1s. 2d., payment of interest in lieu of rent, with a modern Dwellinghouse and out-offices thereon. Poor Law Valuation £120.

The Dwellinghouse is let on short lease at £50 per year. There is also a thatched Cottage on this holding.

LOT 4. Part of the Townparks of Navan, containing 9a. 2r. 16p., Statute Measure, or thereabouts, with Dwellinghouse thereon, together with a House and Premises in Market Square, Navan, all held from Metge Estate under a yearly tenancy at the yearly rent of £64 8s. 2d. The Land and Houses are separately let to sub-tenants as follows:—

Townparks Land let to Mr. John Henry	£32 10 0
Small Cottage thereon let to Mr. Philip Carpenter at	£5 0 0
House in Square, let to Mr. Richard McCaulay at	£43 12 2
Deduct Rent paid Metge Estate	£81 2 2 £64 8 2
Profit Rent	£16 14 0

DESCRIPTIVE PARTICULARS.

On Lot 1 (a) there is a modern stone and brick built 2-storeyed slated Dwellinghouse, approached by an avenue, and containing porch, 2 reception rooms, 4 bedrooms, room for bath, room for w.c., kitchen, sergeant's room, pantry and dairy.

The out-offices are very extensive, and consist of galvanized hay barn, 60 feet; range of stone built and slated horse stables for 4 horses, with loft over same; and cattle sheds for 12 cattle.

Another range, stone built and slated, contains accommodation for 8 cattle, large calf stable, large barn, with 2-horse power chaffing machine; and pig cot.

Another range of stone built and slated out-offices contains coach-house and stabling for 11 cattle.

Another range of offices, covered with galvanized iron, contains coal store, boiler-house, hen-house, and 3 other apartments.

There is also a pump in the yard and a very nice enclosed vegetable garden.

On Lot 1 (b) there is a slated Cottage containing 3 apartments.

On Lot 2 there is a large range of sheds, covered with galvanized iron.

On Lot 3 there is a modern stone built and slated 2-storeyed Dwellinghouse, containing 2 reception rooms, 3 bedrooms, box room, bathroom, h. and c., and w.c., kitchen and maid's room.

The out-offices consist of slated building, containing coach-house and 5 horse stables, with loft over same; and a range of cattle stables for 10 cattle, covered with galvanized iron. There is also a galvanized hay barn, 45 feet long. On this holding is also a thatched Cottage.

The Dwellinghouse and range of out-offices are at present let on lease at £50 per year, which will expire on 1st January, 1935. The letting also includes the lawn in front of Dwellinghouse, but excludes the loft over range of out-offices. The hay barn is not included in the letting.

Lot 1 (a) is all under grass, with the exception of 4 acres, which is in tillage; and 4 acres of 1st and 2nd crop meadow (h) is all under grass.

Lots 2 and 3 are all under grass, and are long known as some of the best fattening lands in Meath, and all have an abundant water supply.

Terms—One-fourth of the purchase money, together with £5 per cent. auction fees, to be paid at Sale; balance on completion of the purchase.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale apply to

JOHN CLARK and CO., Solicitors having carriage of Sale, 11 Westmoreland street, Dublin; or to

PATRICK SMITH & SON,

M.I.A.A.,
Auctioneers, Valuers and Live Stock Salesmen,
NAVAN.

GREAT CROSS-CHANNEL SALES OF IRISH CATTLE, VALLEY MART (HOLYHEAD).

SALES HELD THE FIRST TUESDAY IN THE MONTH.

NEXT SALE FEBRUARY 1st, 1927.

A Good Trade Guaranteed for Incalf and Bulling Heifers, also Polled Store Bullocks and Heifers for feeding purposes.

Early entries solicited to advise buyers at a distance.

Full particulars forwarded on application to the Auctioneers and Organisers.

JOHN PRITCHARD & CO.,

Head Office: BANK CHAMBERS, BANGOR, N. WALES

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1923—33.
SAORSTAT EIREANN.
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE—MR. JUSTICE MEREDITH.
In the Matter of

JOHN McCANN ..... Plaintiff,
And
MARY SCALLAN ..... Defendant;
And by Order to continue
JOHN McCANN and JOSEPH J. LITTLE (Trustees of Emily Fottrell, Decd.), Plaintiffs;
SAME v. SAME.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, IN THREE LOTS,

Pursuant to Order of the Court, and subject to the approbation of the Judge,
On FRIDAY, the 14th JANUARY, 1927,
At the Auction Rooms,
10 LOWER ORMOND QUAY, DUBLIN.
At 1.30 o'clock p.m.

BY ANDREW J. KEOGH, AUCTIONEER.
The Purchaser will not be required to pay Auctioneer's Commission.

The Reversionary Interest of the Defendant expectant upon the death of Mrs. Mary Teresa Smyth (now in her 80th year) in and to the following property:—

LOT 1.—Premises known as No. 95 Main street, Bray, in the Parish of Little Bray, Barony of Rathdown, and County of Wicklow. Held with Nos. 96, 97, and 98 Main street, under lease of the 25th February, 1870, for 90 years from 29th September, 1865, at the yearly rent of £55 (adjusted to £54 7s. 0d.), primarily liable to £10 thereof, and indemnified against £44 7s. 0d. by the tenant giving premises producing a profit rent of, per annum, £50. Valuation £28.

LOT 2.—Premises known as "Rabara," Novara road, Bray, adjoining Main street, Bray, held as the 4th March, 1884, for 500 years from the 25th March, 1833, subject to the yearly rent of £14. Valuation £40. Producing a profit rent of £37 16s. 8d., per annum, as rated.

LOT 3.—The Premises known as Nos. 1 and 2 Ellerslie Villas, Bray, and Lordello, Saltmouton and Cabra road in the Parish of Murrough, held with 3 and 4 Ellerslie Villas and Ellerslie House under lease for 500 years from the 25th March, 1888, subject to the yearly rent of £258 15s. 0d., primarily liable to £29 5s. 0d. thereof (£5 15s. 0d. each house), and indemnified by 3 and 4 Ellerslie Villas and Ellerslie House against £229 10s. 0d., moiety of the said rent of £58 10s. 0d. Valuation of No. 1 Ellerslie Villas £40. Valuation of No. 2 Ellerslie Villas £40. Valuation of Ellerslie House £250. Producing an annual profit rent of £329 11s. 0d. per annum, as rated.

Dated 4th day of December, 1926.

CARTAN, NAVARA and KIERAN, Solicitors having carriage of Sale, 27 South Frederick street, Dublin.

WILLIAM KERR JOHNSTON, Solicitor for Defendant, 8 Leinster street; or to

ANDREW J. KEOGH, Auctioneer,
10 LOWER ORMOND QUAY, DUBLIN.

STORE CATTLE SALE

EVERY THURSDAY. ENTRIES INVITED.

R. & J. WILKINSON,

M.I.A.A.,
Auctioneers, etc.,
40 and 41 PRUSSIA STREET, DUBLIN.

HOW TO ENLARGE PHOTOGRAPHS—Amateur photographers should see the new feature in the WEEKLY IRISH TIMES to-day. Price 1wopence, at all newsagents'.

JAMES H. NORTH & CO.'S SALES.

TUESDAY NEXT, 11TH JANUARY,

LUCCA, COLIMORE ROAD, DALKEY—CLEAR POSSESSION. Contains 3 reception rooms, 4 bedrooms, bathroom (h. and c.), kitchen, etc. Gas laid on; small garden. Choice position near the tram and harbour. Lease 999 years from 1858, subject to £4 13/4 per annum.

J. H. CRESSWELL, Solicitor, 69 Dame street.

£95 11s. 6D. PER ANNUM PROFIT RENT, payable out of No. 2 Fitzwilliam place, one of the best houses in the locality. Held under lease direct from Lord Pembroke for 150 years from 1827, subject to the adjusted yearly rent of £15 6/- per annum, and leased under date 31st March, 1850, for residue of said term, save and except six months, at the yearly rent of £110 17/6, leaving a clear rent for Sale of £95 11/6. An attractive investment.

Messrs. SAINSBURY and CO., Solicitors, 4 St. Andrew street.

SALE TUESDAY, 25TH JANUARY. No. 3 ST. EDWARD'S TERRACE, UPPER GARVILLE AVENUE, RATHGAR.

CLEAR POSSESSION, modern House, in a choice residential locality, containing drawingroom, diningroom, breakfast room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, w.c.; kitchen, pantries, etc. Held, with No. 2, 5037; Ballast—subject to one-half of said amount—viz., £6 per annum. Lease 968 years from 1895.

GEORGE BIRNEY, Solicitor, 179 Pearse street.

BOTHWELL, PARK DRIVE, COWPER GARDENS.

Very attractive Semi-detached Non-basement House, in this choice residential position; open in front and rear; a well-built House, containing diningroom, drawingroom, with bay windows; 5 bedrooms, bathroom, heated linen press; modern kitchen, pantry, etc.; electric light; good garden, outside w.c.; small greenhouse. Held for 900 years from 1921, subject to £8 10s. 0d. per annum.

Messrs. BENNETT THOMPSON & EDWARDS, Solicitors, Molesworth street.

JAMES H. NORTH & CO., AUCTIONEERS, 110 GRAFTON STREET.

PUNCHESTOWN UPPER, COUNTY KILDARE.
SAORSTAT EIREANN.
1926.—No 4875.
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.
Between

REVEREND WILLIAM ELLIOTT and ANNIE GILMORE ELLIOTT, Plaintiffs,
And
ELIZABETH HALLIGAN, Defendant.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION

(Pursuant to Order, dated 19th day of May, 1926, made in the above Matter),
IN ONE LOT,
By
Messrs. EDWARD A. COONAN and SON, AUCTIONEERS,
At the TOWN HALL NAAS,
On WEDNESDAY, the 19th day of JANUARY, 1927, at the Hour of 1 o'clock p.m.

PART of the Lands of Punchestown Upper, in the Electoral Division of Rathmore, Barony of Naas North and County of Kildare, containing 244 acres, 1 rood and 29 perches, or thereabouts, Statute Measure, held under a Statutory Tenancy at the Yearly Judicial Rent of £177 18s. 0d. Subject to Order of the Irish Land Commission dated the 20th day of February, 1900, and since reduced to £155 9s. 3d